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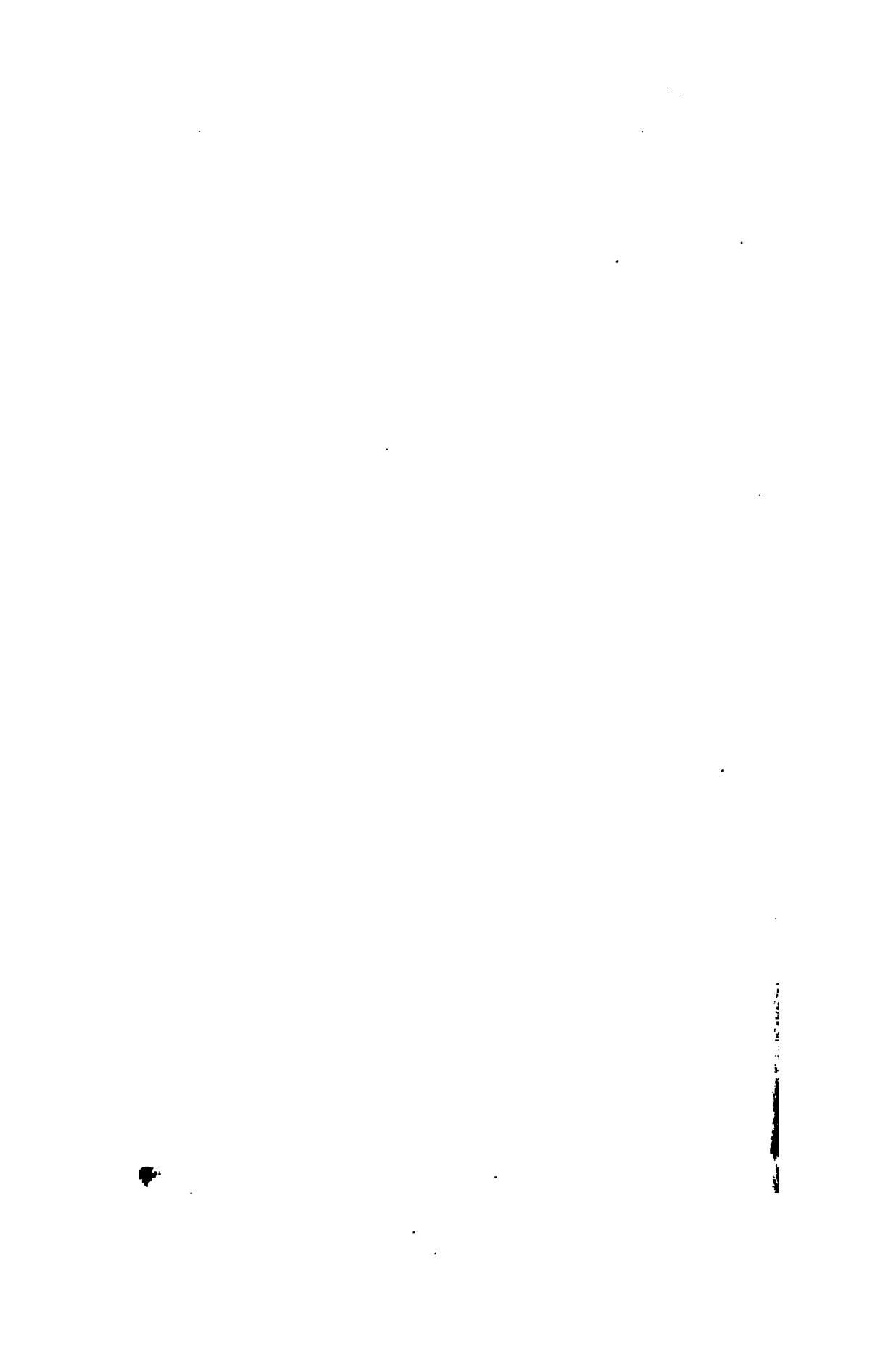
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**A LIST OF THE CLERGY**  
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- The Rev. THOMAS A. COOK, Missionary at Florence.
- The Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.
- The Rev. ROBERT G. HAYS, Deacon, (of the Diocese of Tennessee,) Missionary at Wetumpka.
- The Rev. CALEB S. IVES, Chaplain and Professor of Ancient Languages, Mobile Institute, Mobile.
- The Rev. WILLIAM JOHNSON, Jr., Minister of St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- The Rev. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP, (of the Diocese of New York,) Missionary in Lowndes County.
- The Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS, Minister of Christ Church, Mobile.
- The Rev. ANDREW MATTHEWS, residing in Tuscaloosa.
- The Rev. LUCIEN B. WRIGHT, Missionary at Haynesville and Selma.
- The Rev. JOHN M. ROBERTSON, (of the Diocese of North Carolina,) residing in Jackson County.

**The Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS,     ~~Member~~ JAMES MARTIN,**  
**The Rev. CALEB S. IVES,         GEO. STARR,**  
**The Rev. WM. JOHNSON, Jr.       R. W. WITHERS,**  
**Esqs.**



*A List of the Clerical and Lay Deputies to the General Convention  
of 1888.*

The Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS,	<del>Messrs.</del> JAMES MARTIN,
The Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN,	GEO. CLEVELAND, Jr.
The Rev. WM. JOHNSON, Jr.	ASA B. WINN,
The Rev. ROBERT G. HAYS,	——— CONLEY, Esqrs.



# JOURNAL.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, May 5, 1838.

This being the place and day appointed by the last Convention, for the Seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Lay-Delegates met in St. John's Church, in the City of Montgomery, at 10 o'clock, A. M. A quorum being present, pursuant to the second Canon, the business of the Convention was commenced by the election of the Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS, President, and GILES M. MALLETT, Secretary.

The list of the Clergy, entitled to seats pursuant to the 4th article of the Constitution, was then called, when the following gentlemen were found to be present :—

The Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN,  
The Rev. ROBERT G. HAYS,  
The Rev. WILLIAM JOHNSON, Jr.,  
The Rev. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP,  
The Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS,  
The Rev. LUCIEN B. WRIGHT,  
  
The Rev. THOMAS A. COOK, and  
The Rev. CALEB S. IVES, were absent.

On motion the President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Goodman and Johnson, a Committee to examine the Testimonials of the Lay Delegates, who reported, that the following named persons had been duly elected to represent their respective parishes in this Convention :—

RICHARD MAYNARD,	}	of Christ Church Mobile.
GILES M. MALLETT,		
GEO. S. JONES,	}	of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.
ISAAC CROOM,		
GEORGE B. CLITHERAL,		
J. B. RITTENHOUSE,		
JOS. E. COLE,	}	of St. John's Church, Montgomery.
GEO. C. BALL,		
NIMROD E. BENSON,		
S. G. NORTHAM,		
WM. McDUGAL,		
EDWARD G. GLENTWATH,	}	of Christ Church, Wetumpka.

The roll of Lay Delegates being called, the following persons answered to their names, and took their seats

GILES M. MALLETT, of Christ Church, Mobile.  
 Jos. E. COLE,  
 S. T. NORTHAM, } of St. John's Church, Montgomery.  
 GEO. S. JONES, of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

The Rev. John R. GOODMAN, laid before the Convention documents, shewing that a church, to be known by the name of St. Michael's Church, Marion, had been duly organized, and in behalf of said church, petitioned that it might be received into union with this convention. Whereupon, the question being taken, the said church was admitted.

The Rev. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP laid before the convention documents, shewing that a church, to be known by the name of St. Peter's Church, had been duly organized in Lowndes County, and in behalf of said church, petitioned that it might be admitted, with its Lay Delegates, into union with this Convention. Whereupon, the question being taken, the said church was admitted, with its Lay Delegates, R. P. McCORD and W. H. D. HALL.

The Rev. LUCIEN B. WRIGHT, laid before the Convention documents, shewing that a church, to be known by the name of St. Paul's Church, Selma, had been duly organized, and also one at Haynesville, to be known by the name of Christ Church; and in behalf of said churches, petitioned that they might be admitted, with their Lay Delegates, into union with this Convention.

Whereupon, the question being taken, the said churches were admitted, with their Lay Delegates; John Mushat, E. Marvin, James Berney, and B. A. Lee, of Christ Church Haynesville; and Wm. Waddell, Jr. W. H. Austin, S. W. Murley and Geo. Brewer, of St. Paul's Church, Selma.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. GOODMAN, *Resolved*, That committees of three each, be appointed to report on the following objects:—

1. On rules of order.
2. On the state of the Church.
3. On a plan for conducting the Missionary operations of the Church.

Whereupon, on motion, the President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Goodman, Wright and Johnson, on the first; the Rev. Mr. Johnson, Jr., and Messrs. Geo. E. Jones and Wm. Waddell, Jr., on the second; and the Rev. Messrs. Goodman and Hays, and Mr. Jos. E. Cole on the third.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint all committees, except when it might be otherwise ordered.

The Morning Prayer was now read by the President, assisted by the Rev. Mr. KNAPP, who read the lessons, and the Rev. Mr. GOODMAN, who read the Ante-Communion service; and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Johnson; after which, the Convention adjourned to meet again at 8 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, when prayers were read by the President.

Nimrod E. Benson, a delegate from St. John's Church, Montgomery, and Wm. McDougal and Edward G. Glentworth, delegates from Christ Church, Wetumpka, appeared and took their seats.

The committee on rules of order, presented the following Report, by their chairman, the Rev. Mr. Goodman:—

**RULE 1.** The business of each day shall be introduced by prayer by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him.

**RULE 2.** The order of transacting the business of the convention shall be, 1st, The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent; 2d, The appointment of a Secretary; 3d, The appointment of the Standing Committees of the Convention, to wit: the committee on the certificates of Lay Delegates; Committee on the state of the Church; Committee on Finance; Executive Missionary Committee; Committee on unfinished business, and special Committees; 4th, The Annual Address of the Bishop, if there be one, and he be present; 5th, The reading of the parochial reports; 6th, Reports of the committees of the convention; 7th, Treasurer's Report; 8th, Reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, including the Report of the Standing Committee of the church; 9th, Reports of committees; 10th, Elections by ballot, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, ~~Executive Missionary Committee~~, and Deputies to the General Convention.

**RULE 3.** When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the chair.

**RULE 4.** When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter before the house.

**RULE 5.** No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the convention, unless he have leave from the President, or be unable to attend.

**RULE 6.** No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate unless he have leave of the convention.

**RULE 7.** A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the House, and shall not be again discussed, unless with consent of two-thirds of the convention; *Provided*, however, that any member of the convention voting in the affirmative, may on the same day in which the vote is taken, move for a reconsideration of the said vote.

**RULE 8.** No motion shall be debated, or be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, if required, reduced to writing by the mover and read by the Secretary.

**RULE 9.** When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made except to amend, to divide, to commit or to postpone. A motion

to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

**RULE 10.** A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

**RULE 11.** Every member who shall be present when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

**RULE 12.** When the convention is about to adjourn, every member shall keep his seat, until the President shall leave the chair.

On motion, this Report was accepted.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Goodman,

*Resolved*, That this convention respectfully request the General Convention, to be held in Philadelphia in September next, to extend the Episcopal jurisdiction of the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper over this State, until the election of a Bishop by this convention.

*Resolved*, That this convention hereby pledges itself, to meet such apportionment of the expense as may be considered equitable by the General Convention.

The Parochial Reports were then read as follows:—

#### CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

The Minister of this Church reports to Convention, with devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, the continued prosperity of his parish. He feels warranted in saying that there is a growing attachment to the distinctive principles of the Church; and it is believed that there is also a growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, among those "who profess and call themselves Christians."

Although some families have removed from the parish, the congregation has increased by the addition of many others, and the demand for pews has been equal to that of any former year.

It has been the practice of the Minister to hold three services on Sundays, and one during the week, from Advent to Easter, with extra services during the season of Lent; and from Easter to Advent to hold two services on Sundays, and two during the week. Through the warmest part of the year he held an evening service on Sundays, at Spring Hill, six miles from the city. In these services he was very generously assisted by the Rev. C. S. Ives, Professor of Ancient Languages in the Mobile Institute. During his sickness and absence of about two months, the same Rev. gentleman also officiated for him in the city.

By the exertions of the friends of the Church, residing at Spring Hill, with some in the city, a Sunday School was commenced there in August last, and has been successfully kept up ever since. Some of the scholars attending this school, receive little or no instruction of any kind elsewhere, and the general interest excited in its behalf, has



exceeded the most sanguine expectations. To the ladies especially, great praise is due for their laborious and truly Christian zeal. It is in contemplation to erect there, in the course of the present year, a small edifice, suitable for public worship.

At Summerville, also, two miles from the city, a Sunday School was commenced in February last, the superintendant and male teachers of which are connected with the Sunday School in the city, and is now in successful operation. In a recent communication received from Mr. G. M. Mallett, the superintendant, he writes that "there is a very great improvement of the scholars, both in the Catechism and the Scripture Lessons. The school consists mostly of poor children, who frequently bring with them their parents to see and hear the services of the school; and they express great satisfaction at the manner in which their children are taught."

The Sunday School in the city has continued to be very flourishing, with the blessing of God upon the active zeal and intelligent direction of Mr. George Cleveland, jr. the superintendant. In a communication lately received from him, he writes that "the behaviour and improvement of the pupils have been very satisfactory, and proved an ample encouragement and reward for the punctual, diligent, and faithful discharge of the duties of the teachers, which has been such as to call for special commendation, and to assure us that they are influenced by the holiest and noblest motives in devoting themselves to the direction of the young in the paths of virtue and religion. The Scripture instructions have been regularly given; and the plan of one lesson to all the classes in scripture, and the examination by the Minister or superintendant, at the close of the school, and the review of the lessons of the past month, on the first Sunday of the month, have continued to excite much interest in all the classes, and this arrangement is believed to be the best mode yet adopted to impart instruction in the principles and truths of our holy religion. The Books of the Library are read with much interest by the scholars, and it is to be regretted that we have not a larger supply of suitable books for their use. The infant department continues to produce the interest inseparable from the design to impart to infant minds knowledge and religion. The last year has been one of greater prosperity in all that relates to the school, than it has ever before witnessed. The continued interest of the older scholars, and their punctuality and diligence have assured us that the labour bestowed upon them has not been in vain; and we have had the pleasure of seeing them with us as scholars, until at the altar they have devoted themselves to the Lord, and until one of them has entered upon the duties of wife. During the summer months the attendance is usually much less than in the other seasons of the year; but during the last summer the number of teachers and scholars was larger than ever before."

Seats have been recently erected for the use of the scholars alone, during Divine service, by the extension of the organ gallery on either side of it; and they are taught by their teachers the order of the service,

and are required to take part in it. On the last Sunday evening of every month, they are examined in the catechism, "openly in the church," by the Minister. The result of these means, it is confidently believed, has been to train up the youth in the fear and worship of God.

The disposition of the parish to make the situation of their minister happy and agreeable, and their liberality in contributing to various benevolent objects, merit a special notice.

The contributions to benevolent objects are made chiefly through the society for the promotion of Christianity, which is composed of all the members of the congregation.

To the domestic department of the General Missionary Society of the church, five hundred dollars have been appropriated. For the erection of new churches within and without the Diocese, about four hundred dollars have been appropriated. To the Sunday Schools connected with this parish, and for Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, one hundred and fifty dollars have been appropriated. To the General Theological Seminary, the vestry appropriated one hundred dollars; and to the Missionary Bishop, for his interesting visit to the parish, one hundred and fifty dollars.

Besides these contributions, about two hundred and forty dollars were collected in the church last winter, for the benefit of the widow's asylum of the city. Four hundred and fifty dollars have been subscribed by the ladies and young gentlemen of the parish, for the purchase of communion furniture.

There is now a fair prospect of commencing to build the new church in the course of the present year, the erection of which has been delayed from various uncontrollable causes.

With these several indications of external prosperity, the minister is more thankful to acknowledge his gratitude to God for the manifest improvement in the spiritual condition of his parish.

It has been his constant endeavor and unceasing prayer to "make full proof of his ministry," by proclaiming the Lord Jesus as the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; and as the Lamb of God, who alone taketh away the sins of the world: and he trusts that it has not been without its effect in determining many to "adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things;" and "to follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." It is with the highest satisfaction he can add, that upon every celebration of the Lord's Supper, (which is administered monthly) there has usually been a small increase of new communicants.

"Not unto us, O Lord! not unto us, but unto thy name be the praise, for thy honor, and for thy truth's sake."

The statistics of the parish are as follows:—

Contributions to various benevolent objects, about \$1900	
Sunday School scholars, registered, male, 53; female,	
83; Infant Class, 25; total,.....	161
Greatest attendance,.....	110



Average attendance last five months,.....	95
Average attendance in Summer,.....	50
Teachers—Male, 8; Female, 13,.....	21
Volumes in Parish Library,.....	250
Volumes in Sunday School Library, about.....	150
Sunday School scholars at Spring Hill, registered,..	52
Average attendance,.....	30
Teachers—Male, 4; Female, 4,.....	8
Sunday School scholars at Summerville, registered,	42
Average attendance,.....	28
Teachers—Male, 2; Female, 3,.....	5
Baptisms—Adults 3; Infants, 35,.....	38
Funerals,.....	38
Marriages,.....	12
Persons Confirmed,.....	23
Communicants,.....	140

SAMUEL S. LEWIS.

MAY 5, 1838.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA,  
REV. ANDREW MATTHEWS, MINISTER.

In August, 1835 I was called to this Church, and in November of the same year I commenced my parochial duties. My first object was to find out the strength of the Church, and to my astonishment I found but seven communicants, all females. The church edifice was at that time in a very dilapidated state, with a considerable debt hanging over it. My first effort was to get the Church in repair, so as to be able to worship in it with safety. Accordingly, after many difficulties and some delay, we got the Church in a comfortable condition to worship in, as also a sale of the pews to the claimants against the Church, (who were principally non-residents,) we got the Church out of debt. Many of the pews have since become the property of the Church, and of resident citizens.

On the 4th of June, 1837, the number of communicants were twenty-four; nine of them communed for the first time, under my ministry. Since that time six have removed and three have been added, leaving the present number nineteen. In this period I baptized twenty-five children and three adults, performed four marriages, eight deaths, and five confirmations.

Baptisms—Infants, twenty-five; adults, three. Marriages, four. Deaths, eight. Communicants, highest number twenty-six; present number, nineteen. Confirmations, five. Through this period I have had many difficulties to encounter. I hope my reward is in heaven, for it has not been on earth.

*Easter Monday, April 16, 1838.*

## REV. CALEB S. IVES.

I still occupy the station of Chaplain and Professor of Languages, in the Mobile Institute, Mobile; and continue, as I reported to the last Convention to give religious instruction to the pupils. I spend from half an hour to an hour each Sunday morning with them, and my instructions are a familiar and practical exposition of a portion of the New Testament. I however attend the services of the Church in the city, on the morning of the first Sunday in each month, that I may be present at the Communion. During the past year I have performed the service of the Church forty-two times: fifteen times on Sunday morning, twenty-five times on Sunday evening, and twice on Sunday night. All these services were performed in Christ Church, Mobile, except four at Spring Hill, and one in the Bethel Congregation, in the city. Many of these services were performed during the illness and absence of the Rev. Mr. Lewis from his parish the last summer, at which time I performed all the duties of his parish. I have also assisted him eight times in the administration of the communion, and preached for him in the Church seven times on Sunday morning, and once on Sunday night; also four times for him at Spring Hill, on Sunday afternoon. One Sunday afternoon also, I preached to the Bethel congregation in the city. I have also performed one marriage, and attended nine funerals.

Although the debts contracted in educating myself for the ministry, have, since I have been in holy orders, thus far, with the exception of one year and a half, deterred me from the immediate duties of the sacred office, yet, with the blessing of God which has attended my exertions for the last year and a half, I shall ere long extricate myself, and be able to devote myself exclusively to the appropriate duties of the holy office. Whether, however, I shall spend my life in parochial duties, or as an instructor, I now consider altogether problematical, and I shall hereafter make my decision according to circumstances. That the teacher of youth can in many situations do more to spread the Gospel than the parish clergyman, there can be no doubt, having the young minds of so many to act upon, who, when educated, are to go forth and act on the minds of the great mass of the community. I shall therefore pursue the path of duty, as the Providence of God shall develop and make it plain before me, whether it be to teach or to preach.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY,

REV. WM. JOHNSON, Jr. RECTOR.

Baptisms, seven children; Confirmations, seven; Communicants twenty; Marriages, six; Burials five; public worship once a week during the summer, and twice a week during the winter; besides service on Christmas day, on Ash Wednesday, and on Good Friday. The Lord's Supper has been administered on the first Sunday of each month. We have a small Sunday School of two classes.

The Rector of this parish takes great pleasure in stating that we have the Church permanently established. Those who had any interest in it, and even some who had been strangers, have come forth, and by Divine aid have accomplished much. The edifice reported at the last Convention as being in building, has been completed; and was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemper, on the 8th of April last. It is very gratifying to the minister to be able to say that, besides the building of this edifice, many things have been done by individual young men which ought not to be passed over in silence. As soon as the building was completed, the carpet was presented that covers the floor of the chancel, and of the pulpit and desk. By another individual, a very elegant copy of the bible; a prayerbook had been previously presented by another. By some young men there has also been presented a beautiful communion service of six pieces, and by one the linen. By one has been given a fine pair of lamps for the desk. Another has given to the Church a surplice; and another a neat mahogany table for an altar. In the course of two or three days a subscription was taken for the purchase of an organ, which has been obtained at the very reasonable price of about \$800, a reasonable price for the quality of the organ, as it is pronounced to be a good instrument. It has been in use about two months. I ought not to omit saying that not only those who regularly attend the Church service, but every stranger expresses himself most highly pleased with the music. It should also be stated in this report, that when the amount of the subscriptions toward the building of the edifice was found to fall short by \$2000 of its cost, the members of the vestry nobly came forward, and have given their individual notes for that amount, being an average of more than \$200 apiece.

I have had during the spring a very interesting Bible class of females, sometimes as many as twelve in number. The interest manifested by some in particular is very delightful. The class meets every Monday afternoon, and the morning lessons of the day before is made the subject of our consideration. The ladies have also formed a sewing circle, which meets weekly. They have not yet decided to what they will appropriate the proceeds of their industry, as the society has been only recently organized.

I would state, in addition to my parochial report, that, since the last Convention, I have preached once in Selma, and twice in Hayneville. I was also absent from this Diocese several weeks during the Fall.

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### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO.

Rev. J. R. GOODMAN, Rector.

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Responding to the applications of a few of my former parishioners in the Diocese of North Carolina, I visited Greensboro in the latter part of December, and found a small number of the friends of the Church, in the town and its vicinity. Measures were immediately taken towards the organization of a Church; and in January last, a board of vestry was appointed, in accordance with the canonical regulations.

Since then I have regularly officiated in the chapel of the academy, and with results which beget flattering expectations of an increase to our venerable and beloved Zion. At the first celebration of the Communion, seven persons enjoyed the privilege; and this number on Easter Sunday was enlarged to fifteen, under circumstances which create a hope of a still greater addition. A Sunday School, directed by six teachers, and consisting of twenty-five scholars has been established; and a Dorcas Society of ladies of the parish has recently been formed. Besides this report of a favorable issue to my humble labors, blessed as they have signally been, by the Great Bishop and Shepherd of souls, I have to communicate the pleasing information, that measures are in progress for the immediate erection of a Church edifice. Through the munificent liberality of a gentleman of the parish, the congregation have received the donation of a central lot of ground, and the expectation is cherished that a convenient house will be early completed.

On Good Friday eight individuals received the apostolic rite of confirmation, at the hands of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper, acting under invitation from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Otey, of Tennessee, holding provisional charge of this Diocese.

I officiated in the Chapel of St. John's in the Prairies, and administered the Communion on the Sunday before Easter, and on the succeeding Thursday accompanied Bishop Kemper, who consecrated the house of worship to the service of Almighty God.

The condition of the roads during the winter prevented me visiting this Church before. I am pleased to inform the Convention that an invitation has been given to a Rev. brother in North Carolina, to take charge of the parish.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week I officiated in Marion, Perry county; and, I rejoice to report, succeeded in organizing a Church, by the name of St. Michael's Church. I am requested to ask, in the name of the vestry, that the Church be admitted into connexion with the

Convention; and to express their urgent desire that they receive the attention of this body. I do not hesitate to give utterance to the opinion that this place presents one of the most favorable fields for Missionary exertions.

I visited Tuscaloosa in the month of January last, for the purpose of procuring subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund, and of establishing a Parochial Missionary Society. To further both these objects, I had consented, on the request of a number of the clerical and lay friends of the Church in Mobile. The depressed state of the monetary affairs of Alabama, prevented the prosecution of the first of these measures; but I am happy to report that a more respectable association for missionary purposes was formed.

*Extract from Parish Register.*

Baptisms, 1; Confirmations, 8; Communicants, 15; Marriages, 1; Funerals, 2; Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 25.

J. R. GOODMAN.

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### CHRIST CHURCH, WETUMPKA.

Rev. ROBERT G. HAYS, MINISTER.

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Baptisms, 6; Marriages, 1; Funerals, 6; Communicants, 6. Removed, 3; Died, 1; Sunday School Scholars, about 25; Male Teachers 2; Female Teachers, 2.

The Church in this place is still feeble. Several Episcopal families have removed, and their places have not yet been supplied. We, however, have reason to hope that our number will soon increase.

To the inducements which this town presents for business, we can now add that of a neat house for public worship. The style of the edifice is gothic, the dimensions are forty by sixty feet. It was commenced in September last, and was opened for Divine service on the second Sunday in January. The erection of this edifice will, I trust give permanence and prosperity to the Church in this place: it will secure those whose feelings are with us, and will bring in others by affording them a comfortable and respectable place of worship; therefore, in the midst of many discouragements we are still encouraged to persevere in our efforts.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, and CHRIST CHURCH,  
HAYNEVILLE.**

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Selma has been joined to Hayneville, as one station, and the undersigned entered upon its duties sometime in February last. Since which time he has held Divine service and preached twice on every alternate Sunday at each place. Congregations have been duly organized at each, respectively, and designated as above. A commendable zeal has been exhibited by the few Episcopalians at these places for securing eventually the regular services of the church of their choice; and the undersigned bears testimony to the uniform kindness and attention they have shown him in the discharge of his ministerial duties; and his sincere prayer to the Great Head of the Church is, that that He will bless them with the ordinances and consolations of our holy religion in the form in which it is embodied in the articles and Liturgy of the Church.

**LUCIEN B. WRIGHT,**  
*Missionary at Hayneville and Selma.*

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**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.**

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The Minister of this church is happy to report that he entered upon the duties of his station as Missionary to Benton, Lowndes county, on the 28th of January last; that he found the people of that vicinity well disposed towards the Protestant Episcopal Church, and eager to establish it on a sure foundation; that on the 20th of February they organized themselves into a church, under the above name, and have subscribed liberally for the support of a minister, as well as for the erection of a church edifice, suitable to their circumstances. He has preached once on each Sunday, (when not prevented by the weather;) the distance of the house of worship being too great to admit of more than one service, and has found the people very attentive to the services of the church. The number of Episcopalians is small, but the field of labor in which he is engaged is decidedly encouraging. He has performed the funeral service once; no baptisms nor marriages. Number of communicants, so far as ascertained, two.

May God bless our little church with abundant increase to the glory of our blessed Redeemer.

**NATHANIEL P. KNAPP,**  
*Missionary at Benton and vicinity, and  
officiating Minister of St. Peter's Church,  
Lowndes County.*

## PROCEEDINGS

*Of the Standing Committee between the Conventions of 1837 and 1838.*

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held at Mobile, December, 3d, 1837, the Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS, was appointed the President, and the Rev. CALEB S. IVES, the Secretary of the same for the following year:—

Also, the Rev. ANDREW MATTHEWS, of Tuscaloosa, was, at the same time and place, appointed to preach the Sermon at the opening of the next convention, and the Rev. WILLIAM JOHNSON, jr. of Montgomery, his substitute.

(Attest,)

CALEB S. IVES, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held at Mobile, April 29th, 1838; a letter from the Right Rev. HENRY U. ONDERDONK, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, addressed to the committee, was read by the President, giving notice of the dismissal of the Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, a Presbyter of that Diocese, with a view to his removal to this Diocese, and that letters dimissory had been given to him by the Bishop, addressed to the Right Rev. Bishop BROWNELL, who has the provisional charge of this Diocese—it was therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, be admitted as a Presbyter of this Diocese.

(Attest,)

CALEB S. IVES, *Secretary.*

On motion, a Finance Committee was elected consisting of the following persons:—William Waddell, jr. George S. Jones, S. T. Northam, James Bernay, W. H. D. Hall, and Giles M. Mallett.

On motion, the convention then proceeded to the election by ballot of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year, and of Delegates to the next General Convention, when the Rev. Samuel S. Lewis, the Rev. Caleb S. Ives, and the Rev. William Johnson, jr. of the Clergy, and the Hon. James Martin, George Starr and Robert W. Withers, Esquires, of the Laity were chosen to be the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year; and the Rev. Samuel S. Lewis, the Rev. John R. Goodman, the Rev. William Johnson, Jr. and the Rev. Robert G. Hays, of the Clergy, and the Hon. James Martin, Asa B. Winn, George Cleveland, Jr. and ~~Conley~~ Conley, Esquires, of the Laity, were chosen Deputies from the Diocese of Alabama to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the next General Convention.

The Rev. Mr. GOODMAN, in behalf of the Missionary Committee, presented the following Report:

The Missionary Committee, in compliance with the duty assigned them of considering the best mode of directing Missionary operations in this Diocese, would respectfully report that,

In view of the great magnitude and importance of the subject, they have endeavored to give it, that serious consideration, which its nature, in their opinion, so emphatically demands. They apprehend, however, that in some of the details of the plan, now submitted, there may be defects, which only in the operation of the proposed measure will be discovered. Yet they believe that, the general principles of the system of Diocesan Missionary exertions, at present recommended, are such, as will, with the blessing of the Great Head of the church, be the foundation of much good, and promotive of the best interests of our beloved Zion. They feel anxious that it may meet with the approval of this House, and receive a trial in this portion of the vast theatre of Missionary labors. The earnest petitions for aid from the deserted and furnishing in the Diocese are becoming more loud; and their appeals for our action in their behalf can no longer be unheeded, without a liability to the condemnation of sinful neglect, or the grievous accusation of having beheld in cold apathy the members of our venerable communion, deprived of the word and ordinances, without a becoming attempt to afford the saving aid, which is in our power.

Anticipating these, the adoption of this report by the convention, your committee would appeal to the friends of the church throughout the Diocese to come up to a work, which, in a peculiar sense, is that of the Lord God! They would exhort them to remember that, as they are the recipients of Gospel mercies, and as they "have freely received" from the Treasury of the church, so "they freely give" and in part discharge the debt of love which they owe. They would call upon them to regard with the liveliest and holiest sympathies, the destitute condition of many devoted Episcopalians within our Diocesan territory; who are insulated as to the courts of the most high, and far removed from opportunities for worshipping with the faithful people of the Almighty. Not only have they bidden a farewell to the homes of their infancy, but they have left behind them, the altars of their hearts' purest bliss, and the consecrated Temples, where they were dedicated to their Redeemer, and where once they were gladdened in the participation of an ordained service. And shall the resting place which they have come to,—the far-off land of the stranger,—supply them with no hallowed consolations, amid their many privations? Shall they not hear from the lips of the Priest of the Altar the glad tidings of Evangelical truths, or amid the gloom of the forest, shall there never be hailed the star of the spirit's best joy? Shall the dispersed sons and daughters of the church in our region, forever be doomed to weep in the land, to which they have come, like the mourning children of Judah; and whilst sitting beside the beautiful rivers of our dear Alabama, shall they mourn that, all about and around them, tell they are far from their Jerusalem,—that city of God,—the beloved sanctuary of His presence?



Assured that a high-minded and devoted laity will not risk the bitter reproachings of remorse, "we are verily guilty of our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, and would not hear"—the committee recommend that,

1. At each and every convention there shall be elected by ballot six clerical and six lay-members; who shall constitute an Executive Missionary Committee.

2. The duties of the above committee shall be,—1st, The direction of the Missionary operations of the convention,—2d, The apportionment of the field of labor of the Missionaries,—3d, The fixing of their salaries,—4th, The receiving of the contributions from the respective parishes, and the paying of salaries to Missionaries,—5th, The reporting of their proceedings to the Annual Convention next succeeding their appointment.

3. The Rector and Wardens of each Parish in the Diocese shall be the managers of the Missionary cause in their respective congregations, governed by the acknowledged principle that every baptized person, being "a member of Christ," is bound to exhibit an interest in the prosperity and extension of the Lord's Zion, they will enrol the names of all the members of families in their churches, and solicit from every such one, an annual contribution, of one Dollar, or such sum, as may be convenient to the contributor.

4. So soon as the services of a competent person can be procured, the Executive Committee shall appoint a General Missionary Agent; whose duty it shall be, to supply vacant congregations until they be taken in charge by a Pastor;—to visit families attached to the church, but not connected with organized churches, and administer to them the ordinances &c; to distribute bibles, prayer-books, and tracts; to aid in the establishing of new parishes;—and to promote, by faithful exertions, the prosperity and extension of the communion.

Submitted on behalf of Committee.

J. R. GOODMAN.

On motion, the foregoing Report was unanimously accepted, and the following persons were elected by ballot the Executive Missionary Committee, of the Clergy; the Rev. Messrs. L. B. Wright, Wm. Johnson, Jr. N. P. Knapp, R. G. Hays, J. R. Goodman and S. S. Lewis; of the Laity, Messrs. Wm. Waddell, jr. S. W. Murley, James Martin, B. A. Lee, E. Marvin, and J. E. Cole.

The Secretary then presented a communication from the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Mobile, to the convention, which upon being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

[See Appendix. A.]

The Delegates from Christ Church, Wetumpka, had leave from the President to withdraw from the further sittings of the convention.

The convention now adjourned to meet again at half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

HALF-FAST 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Hays, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wright, and the Rev. Mr. Knapp preached a sermon.

The roll being called, all the Delegates answered to their names, except W. H. Austin, Esq., who had leave of absence from the President.

Geo. C. Ball of St. John's Church, Montgomery, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Wm. Johnson, Jr. in behalf of the committee on the state of the church, read the following Report :—

*Report of the Committee on the state of the Church.*

The committee on the state of the church beg leave to report that,

From all the information which they have been able to derive they are prepared to express the state of the church in this Diocese as highly encouraging to all who love the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are now seven officiating Ministers in a Diocese where, less than three years ago there was but two. There have been added, since the last convention, four parishes which were represented in the convention of this year. Of these four, three have been enjoying the advantages of the ministry. There cannot be presented, as far as we have been able to judge, a fairer and more encouraging field for the labor of those who are willing to be foremost in occupying it, than is presented in the State of Alabama. If the number of Clergy is still small, 'tis not because there is no desire for more; for it is well deserving of consideration that not one instance can be given in the history of this Diocese where an attempt to organize a parish has proved unsuccessful from unwillingness on the part of the people to cooperate with the minister. And this is surely sufficient evidence of the acceptableness of the church service.

From the observation of your committee they can also say that there is a very great preference shown for the Apostolic Church, by those even who have been so far strangers to it as now to have their preference grounded upon the external attractions of her worship. But that this will relax when they come to know more of her real character, her intrinsic excellence, and her strong claims need not be feared: for it has held true here, as elsewhere, that as she becomes the better known her claims are allowed to be the stronger—the people see that she rests upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. We can certainly infer much in regard to the sentiments of the community in general from the great interest with which they receive the church as presenting to them her most distinctive features. When the church has been exhibited, it has been as the church, and as such is it still called for. Let us but have the head that we so much need for our complete success, and the church of Alabama must soon stand conspicuous among her sisters, and be emphatically as “a city set upon a hill.”

WM. JOHNSON, Jr.  
W. WADDELL,  
G. S. JONES,

} Committee.

**On motion, Resolved,** That the Secretary of this Convention transmit to the Secretary of the House of clerical and lay deputies of the General Convention, the quota for the contingent expenses of the General Convention, due from Alabama, for the years 1886, 1887, and 1888.

**On motion,**

The proposed alterations to the Constitution, submitted by the General Convention of 1885, to the action of the Diocesan Conventions were considered, and after a protracted discussion, it was finally

**Resolved,** That this Convention does not accede to the alterations as proposed.

The proposed amendment to the Table of Moveable Feasts, was called up for consideration, when, on motion,

**Resolved,** That this House will sanction the amendment to the Table of Moveable Feasts, as proposed by the General Convention.

William Waddell, jr. Esq. in behalf of the Finance Committee, presented the following report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee of Finance respectfully submit the following Report:

That they assess the following sums to be paid by the different churches in the Diocese of Alabama, to defray the contingent expenses of the current year, and also to refund to Christ Church, Mobile, any excess which may be thus raised, in part of expenses heretofore borne by her.

Christ Church, Mobile,.....	\$100
St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....	20
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	15
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,.....	15
St. John's Church, Prairie,.....	10
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,.....	10
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	10
St. Paul's Church, Hayneville,.....	10
Christ Church, Wetumpka,.....	10
St. Michael's Church, Marion,.....	10
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	\$210

All of which is most respectfully submitted by the Committee.

W. WADDILL, Jun.

Chairman-

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Goodman be a Committee to prepare a suitable plan for the organization of churches in this Diocese, and to report to the next Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the next Convention be held in St. Paul's Church, Selma, on the first Friday in May, 1839.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That three hundred copies of the proceedings of this Convention be printed.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Goodman,

*Resolved*, That this Convention would express their devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, for the experience of that blessed influence of a spirit of harmony which has prevailed during the session to so great a degree, among the clerical and lay brethren.

After singing the 107th Psalm of the selection, and prayers, and the benediction by the President, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

SAMUEL S. LEWIS, President.

GILES M. MALLETT, Secretary.

## APPENDIX A.

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*To the Secretary of the Seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant  
Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.*

SIR :

In compliance with a resolution of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church in Mobile, I transmit to be laid before the convention the annexed statement by the Treasurer of the amounts paid by this parish, which in the opinion of the Wardens and Vestry are properly chargeable to the whole Diocese, and respectfully request that the same may be apportioned by the convention among the several parishes of the Diocese.

I am very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WM. M. GARROW, *Secretary*  
*of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ's Church, in Mobile.*  
Mobile, Alabama, May 2, 1838.

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WM. M. GARROW, Esq.

Sir :

The following amounts have been paid by me, and which the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Mobile, are of opinion should be apportioned among the different parishes in this State.

EDWD. HALL, Treasurer.

April 1836—Paid expenses of Bishop Otey, on the occasion		
of his visit to this Diocese,.....	\$155	00
“ “ Paid Printing Journal of Convention,.....	75	00
1837. “ “ “ “ “ “ .....	52	50
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Received from Rev. Mr. Ives, collected by him for Printing		
Journal, 1836,.....	\$19	
Received from Mr. Royal of St. John's Church, in the		
Prairies,.....	5—24	00
	<hr/>	\$258 50

EDWARD HALL, Treasurer.



## APPENDIX B.

### CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

STATE OF ALABAMA.

*Be it resolved*, That the following Constitution be agreed to and adopted by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Alabama :

ARTICLE 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority of, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall have been designated by the next preceding Convention.

ART. 3. The Bishop shall have power to call Special Conventions when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church; or when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee.

ART. 4. The Convention shall be composed of all ministers of this Church, in regular standing, who may at stated periods minister in any congregation or congregations within this state; or who may be engaged as professors or teachers in any college, academy, or school, (whether incorporated or not,) within this state; and of lay members, consisting of Delegates from each congregation.

ART. 5. In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body; and in voting, the Clergy shall vote by individuals and the laity by congregations; and a majority of votes of the two orders, jointly, shall be decisive; but if, in any case, it be required by five votes, the two orders shall vote separately, in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In the case of electing a Bishop, the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode last prescribed.

ART. 6. No minister shall be entitled to vote in the election of a Bishop, who shall not have resided within the state at least twelve months next preceding the time of such election.

ART. 7. The bishop of the Church in this state shall be *ex officio* President of the Convention; and in case of his absence, or if there be no Bishop, a president *pro tempore* shall be elected from among the clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall also be *ex officio* Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, who shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings, and also a correct account of all monies he may receive, to be annually submitted to the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give due notice of the time and place of meeting of every Convention.

ART. 8. A Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three clergymen and three laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. Vacancies in the committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members. Two clerical members, and one lay member of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 9. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer and a sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop of the Diocese, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 10. A proposition to alter this Constitution must be made in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the Convention. It shall then lie over to the next Convention, and if then approved by a majority of the two orders of clergy and laity, (voting separately,) the amendment shall become a part of this Constitution.



**CANONS**  
**FOR THE**  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
**IN THE**  
**STATE OF ALABAMA.**

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**CANON 1.** The Vestries of the several congregations composing the Church in this State, and if there be no vestry, the congregations shall in such manner and at such time as they may deem proper, elect a number of Delegates, not exceeding five, to represent them in the Convention of the State, and to serve for the term of one year, who, before they shall be permitted to take their seats in the convention, shall produce a certificate of their election.

**CANON 2.** Two members of the clerical order, and a delegate or delegates of the lay order, from three churches shall, together, constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn.

**CANON 3.** The representatives of any congregation hereafter organized within this state, shall be admitted to a seat in this convention, by a vote of the same.

**CANON 4.** When a Special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in issuing the notifications, to specify the business and purposes for which the convention is assembled.

**CANON 5.** Whereas, the regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interests of the church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them, and it is recommended to the different parishes to make provisions for the expenses incurred by their respective ministers in attending the convention. At the opening of every convention, the names of the clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over, and the absentees noted.

**CANON 6.** To the intent that the church in this state may not be unrepresented in General Convention, the clerical and lay delegate or delegates, who may hereafter be nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent delegate or delegates, any citizen or citizens of this state: *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is or are a member or members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

**CANON 7.** The officers of this convention, and the deputies to the General Convention, shall continue in office, and exercise their respective functions for one year, and until another election take place.

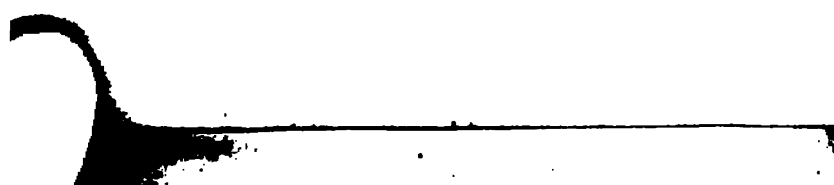
**CANON 8.** The president of the convention may make any motion which he shall judge conducive to the good of the church, and may deliver his sentiments on any proposition before the convention, but he shall not vote unless upon an equal division.

**CANON 9.** The approving or receiving any clergyman into a church or congregation in this state, shall be vested in the vestry of the church, or the vestry and Church Wardens, as the case may be, having authority so to do; and where there is no vestry and Church Wardens, in the congregation which supports him, and receives the benefit of his ministry: *Provided*, that no clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any church in this state, unless he first produce to the vestry having such authority, or the vestry and Church Wardens, as the case may be, a certificate from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, a certificate from the Standing Committee, that he has exhibited to him, the Bishop, or to them, the Standing Committee, as the case may be, letters of orders, and testimonials of religious and moral conduct, as required by the Canons of the General Convention; and that his letters of orders and testimonials of religious and moral conduct are by him, the Bishop, or by them, the Standing Committee approved.

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*[The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Alabama, will be held in St. Paul's Church, Selma, on the first Friday in May, 1839.]*

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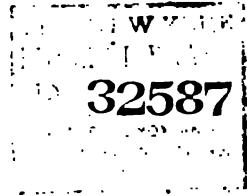
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A LIST OF THE CLERGY  
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The Rev. THOMAS A. COOK, Missionary at La Fayette.  
The Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN, Missionary at Greensboro.  
The Rev. ROBERT G. HAYS, Deacon, Missionary at Wetumpka.  
The Rev. WILLIAM A. HARRIS, Missionary at Florence and  
Tuscumbia.  
The Rev. CALEB S. IVES, Rector of Christ Church, Matagorda,  
Texas, and Missionary.  
The Rev. F. R. HANSON, Minister of St. John's Church in the Prai-  
The Rev. WM. JOHNSON, Minister of St. Peter's Church in Lowndes  
County.  
The Rev. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP, Minister of Christ Church,  
Tuskaloosa.  
The Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS, Minister of Christ Church, Mobile.  
The Rev. FRANCIS B. LEE, Deacon, Missionary at Carlowville.  
The Rev. ANDREW MATTHEWS, Missionary at Marion and Ca-  
hawba.  
The Rev. LUCIEN B. WRIGHT, Missionary at Selma.

*A List of the Clergy entitled to seats, pursuant to the 4th Article of the Constitution, present at the Convention, 1839.*

The Rev. THOMAS A. COOK,  
The Rev. F. R. HANSON,  
The Rev. WILLIAM JOHNSON,  
The Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS,  
The Rev. FRANCIS B. LEE,  
The Rev. ANDREW MATTHEWS,  
The Rev. LUCIEN B. WRIGHT.

**ABSENTEES.**

The Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN,  
The Rev. ROBERT G. HAYS,  
The Rev. WM. A. HARRIS,  
The Rev. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP.

*A List of the Churches in the Diocese of Alabama, with the names of their respective Delegates who attended the Convention of 1839.*

Christ Church, Mobile,.....	GILES M. MALLET.
St. John's Church, Prairies,.....	{ R. W. WITHERS, ASA B. WINN.
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,....	{ WILLIAM L. YANCEY, PAUL H. EARL. WILLIAM E. BIRD.
St. Michael's Church, Marion,	{ FERDINAND WILLIAMS, JAMES L. M'KEEN.
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	{ WM. WADDILL, Jr. R. N. PHILPOT, T. J. FROW. P. J. WEAVER. G. L. BREWER.
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,....	{ G. W. CARVILLE, JOHN S. PEAKE, JOHN SIMPSON, H. ALLISON.
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Cy...	{ WM. H. D. HALL, R. P. M'CORD.
Trinity Church, Lafayette;.....	GEORGE D. HOOPER.
Christ Church, Hayneville,.....	_____
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	_____
Christ Church, Wetumpka,.....	_____
St. John's Church, Montgomery.....	_____
St. James' Church, Living-ton,.....	_____
St. Paul's Church, Greensborough,..	_____
Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....	_____
A Missionary Station, at Florence,..	_____
And at Tuscumbia,.....	_____

*A List of the Standing Committee.*

The Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS,	Mr. JOHN D. ROYAL,
" WM. JOHNSON.	" GILES M. MALLET,
" LUCIEN B. WRIGHT.	" RICH'D MAYNARD.

*A List of the Clerical and Lay-Deputies to the General Convention.*

The Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS,	Mr. WM. WADDILL, Jr.
" WM. JOHNSON,	" WM. E. BIRD,
" LUCIEN B. WRIGHT,	" GEO. CLEVELAND,
" F. R. HANSON.	" MORRIS J. CONLEY;

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SELMA, May 3d, 1839.

being the day and place for the meeting of the Eighth Annual Convention, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Lay-Delegates met, by the kind solicitation of the Presbyterians of the Presbyterian Congregation in their House of Public Worship, St. Paul's Church not being finished sufficiently to hold Convention therein.)

Opening Prayer was read by the Rev. WM. JOHNSON, assisted by the F. R. HANSON, who read the lessons, and by the Rev. SAMUEL S. COOK, who read the Ante Communion Service; after which the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. THOMAS A. COOK. After service, the Convention was called to order; and on motion of Rev. Lucien B. Wright, the Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS was appointed President pro tem., and Mr. T. J. FROW was appointed Secretary.

The list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention being called, the following were found to be present

Rev. THOS. A. COOK,	Rev. FRANCIS B. LEE.
" F. R. HANSON.	" ANDREW MATTHEWS,
" WM. JOHNSON.	" LUCIEN B. WRIGHT.
" SAMUEL S. LEWIS.	

Rev. JOHN R. GOODMAN,	Rev. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP,
" WM. A. HARRIS.	" ROBT. G. HAYS.

Were absent.

On motion, the President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Cook, Johnson and Wright a Committee to examine the Certificates of Lay-Delegates, reported that Lay-Delegates from Christ Church, Mobile, St. Paul's Church, Selma, St. Michael's Church, Marion, St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county, had presented the Canonical Testimonials, and were entitled to seats in this Convention.

List of Lay-Delegates.

GILES M. MALLET, ....	} of Christ Church, Mobile:
RICHARD MAYNARD....	
CHARLES LABUZAN,....	
JAMES MARTIN.....	
WM. M. GARROW.....	
FERDINAND WILLIAMS, .....	} of St. Michael's Church, Marion
JAMES L. McKEEN.....	
WM. WADDILL, Jr.....	} of St. Paul's Church, Selma.
R. N. PHILPOT,.....	
T. J. FROW .....	
P. J. WEAVER.....	
G. L. BREWER.....	
WM. H. D. HALL,.....	} of St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Co:
R. P. McCORD.....	

The roll being called, the following Lay-Delegates answered to their names, Giles M. Mallett, Wm. Waddill Jr., R. N. Philpot, T. J. Frow, Ferdinand Williams, Jas. L. McKeen, Wm. H. D. Hall and R. P. McCord.

On motion of the Rev. F. R. Hanson,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS be appointed President of this Convention.

On motion of Mr. R. P. McCord.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Giles M. Mallett be appointed Secretary.

The Rev. FRANCIS B. LEE, stated to this Convention that a Church to be known by the name of St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, had been duly organised, and in behalf of said Church, petitioned that it might be admitted, with its Lay-Delegates, into union with this Convention. Whereupon, the question being taken, the said Church was admitted, with its Lay-Delegates, Geo. W. Carville, John S. Peake, John Simpson, H. Allison, who being present, took their seats.

The Rev. THOS. A. COOK laid before the Convention documents, shewing that a Church, to be known by the name of Trinity Church, La Fayette, had been duly organised, and in behalf of said Church petitioned that it might be admitted, with its Lay-Delegates into union with this Convention. Whereupon, the question being taken, the said Church was admitted, with its Lay-Delegates, Geo. D. Hooper and Geo. Craft.

Mr. Hooper being present, took his seat.

On motion of the President, it was

*Resolved*, That the same rules of order should govern us in this Convention as in the last.

After prayers by the President, the Convention adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the President.

The roll being called, G. I. Brewer of St. Paul's Church, Selma, answered to his name and took his seat.

On motion of the President, it was

*Resolved*, That the Secretary read the communications which have been received from the Dioceses of Florida and Georgia, proposing a union of the three Dioceses of Georgia, Alabama and Florida, for the purpose of electing a Bishop according to the 2d section of Canon 1, of 1838.

On motion, the President appointed three of the Clergy, and three of the Laity to report upon the above communications, viz:

The Rev. WM. JOHNSON,	Mr. A. B. WINN.
" LUCIEN B. WRIGHT,	" GEO. D. HOOPER,
" THOS. A. COOK.	" WM. WADDILL, Jr.

On motion of Mr. Hooper, it was

*Resolved*, That the President be added to the Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Lucien B. Wright, it was

*Resolved*, That the President appoint all committees, except where the Canon otherwise direct.

The President then appointed four special committees, to wit:

LUCIEN B. WRIGHT,	}	on the state of the Church.
R. P. McCORD,		
GEO. D. HOOPER.		
F. R. HANSON,	}	on unfinished business.
GEO. L. BREWER.		
WM. JOHNSON,	}	on the Missionary Society.
THOS. A. COOK.		
AMES L. McKEEN.		
VAUDILL, MALLET,	}	on Finance.
WILLIAMS, GANTT.		
MARVILLE, HALL and		
HOOPER.		

Official Reports were then presented, and on motion of the Rev. B. Wright, it was

Resolved, That the reading of them be deferred until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Treasurer's Report having been read, it was referred to the Finance Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, the Convention after prayers by the President, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, May 4th.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and opened with prayer by the President.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Delegates from the Church in the Prairies, presented their Testimonials, and took

Rev. Lucien B. Wright laid before the Convention documents, relating to a Church to be known by the name of St. Luke's, Cahawba, Alabama, organized, and in behalf of said Church, petitioned that it be admitted, with its Lay-Delegates into union with this Convention. Upon the question being taken, the said Church was admitted. Its Lay-Delegates, Edw. M. Perine, Elbert Gantt, Wm. L. Earl and Wm. E. Bird.

Wm. L. Yancey, Paul H. Earl and Wm. E. Bird, were introduced and took their seats.

The report of the Finance Committee was ordered to be read.

### CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

The present condition of this Parish exhibits nothing peculiarly interesting. The report made of its state at the last Convention of the

the absence of the minister last summer, of little more than this, to attend the general Convention of the Church, as a delegate from this diocese, his place was supplied by the Rev. C. S. Ives, who preached in the city every Sunday morning, and at Spring Hill, in Alabama, to which place many families resort as a summer retreat. The Sunday School, which continues to flourish, the same course of instruction has been pursued in the main, as was reported last year, except that in the Scripture lessons, the "Questions on the Lord's Word to St. Matthew," lately published by the Protestant Sunday School Union, have been used. The teachers have

been punctual, diligent, and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and as might be expected under such circumstances, the attendance and proficiency of the scholars have been very good.

The Sunday Schools at Spring Hill and Summerville have also been kept up during the whole year, with undiminished interest and encouraging success by their indefatigable superintendants and teachers.

On the first Sunday after Easter, a school was opened in the Church for the instruction of servants. They are divided into small classes, and to each class is assigned a teacher. The mode of instruction is altogether oral. They are taught the most important parts of the service of the Church, psalms and hymns, and a regular series of lessons, embodying the fundamental doctrines and precepts of christianity. These lessons are based upon the Church catechism, accompanied with Scripture proofs. The exercises are opened and closed with prayers and singing, with a short address from the minister. These incipient efforts have been crowned with unexpected success; and it is confidently believed that if the same interest should continue to be felt for them, which has been thus far manifested, great good will be done among them.

The corner-stone of the new Church was laid last fall, during the minister's absence, by the Rev. C. S. Ives, with the usual ceremonies. The Church is rapidly progressing towards its completion, and will, probably, be ready for Consecration by next Christmas, or at farthest by Easter.

It was expected that the Missionary Bishop of Arkansas would have visited the parish prior to the Convention. His engagements, however, were such that he could not do so, and consequently, no confirmation has been held this year, to the great disappointment of the minister, and of those who were desirous of receiving that apostolical rite.

The minister will only add, that although there has been no increase of attention to religion of a very marked character in his parish, during the past year, yet he believes he can say with truth, that the communicants of the Church, generally, are strengthening in their attachment to its doctrines and distinctive principles of the Church, and are also growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The statistics of the Parish are as follows:—

Sunday School Scholars registered—Male, 44; Female, 65;	
Infant class, 12;.....	121
Average attendance in winter, about .....	90
Teachers—Male, 6; Female, 13; .....	19
Volumes in Parish Library .....	250
Volumes in Sunday School Library.....	100
Sunday School Scholars at Summerville registered .....	52
Average attendance .....	20
Teachers—Male, 2; Female, 2;.....	4
Sunday School Scholars at Spring Hill, in summer, of all denominations,.....	57
Average attendance in winter.....	10
Teachers--Male, 2; Female, 6;.....	8
Baptisms, (Adults 2; Infants 31.).....	33
Funerals, .....	8
Marriages, .....	13
Communicants. (Died 2; removed 18; added 24).....	144

SAMUEL S. LEWIS.

May 3, 1839,

## REPORT OF REV. WM. JOHNSON, MONTGOMERY.

Up to the fourth Sunday in Lent, St. John's Church in this city was under my pastoral charge; and had been so, at that time, for more than three years. The circumstances attending the dissolution which then took place were these.

On receiving the invitation from the Vestry to continue my services, I declined; and I stated, as my reason for doing so, the want of interest in the Church, as manifested by the congregation in general, and by the Vestry in particular, in their non-attendance at public worship. As I would not, however, have left the Church destitute, I expressed a *willingness* to officiate, if a congregation could be got, during the time that I might keep my school open, until another minister could be procured. My *refusal* of course they could not otherwise than accept. But my offer they also formally declined.

Since the last diocesan Convention, I have preached regularly once every Sunday, with the exception of a few Sundays when I was absent on account of sickness in my family. After my return, the services were performed twice every Sunday.

During the time that the Church was under my charge, there were

Baptisms.....	2	Infants.
Burials.....	2	(one Infant.)
Marriages.....	2,	

and the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered six times.

In addition to the baptisms in this Church, I baptised five children in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county. I also preached in that Church, on the fourth Sunday after Easter to a large, and orderly, and attentive congregation. This congregation has done a religious work, without the services of a minister, which too many are slow in performing, and even neglect to perform, while their minister is necessitated to occupy places that are *tolerable* only, because necessity requires it. I allude to the erection of an edifice, in which to worship God. It is a very neat building situate where it possesses every advantage that could be desired for it. Since resigning the charge of St. John's Church in this city, I have accepted the charge of St. Peter's, and hope in a few weeks to commence my efforts in behalf of those who have so worthily labored for themselves.

WM. JOHNSON.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.

Baptisms, one—Communicants, seven—Marriages, two—Burials, three.

During the past year I have continued to minister in the united parishes of Hayneville and Selma, until within a few months past, Hayneville becoming independent of Selma, my time is spent in the latter place with occasional visits to Cahawba—although in Selma the Church is small having but two male Communicants, yet by the zealous and perse-

vering co-operation of one of these, my hands are so strengthened, that together we are encouraged to press forward in our exertions for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. I visited Cahawba about one month since, in company with Rev. Mr. Matthews and organised a congregation under the name of St. Luke's Church. The Vestry, consisting of eleven, have elected a delegation of five to represent the parish in the present Convention. May the Great Head of the Church bless this infant parish with abundant increase to the honor and praise of His holy name.

LUCIEN B. WRIGHT.

Rector of St. Paul's Church.

In November last I was invited on the part of Mrs. Billingsley, to officiate at Marion, I notified the Missionary Society of my intention of taking charge of that station for the winter, I was accordingly recognized as their missionary. I took charge of the station about the first of December last. The services were conducted in the courthouse. At first our services were well attended; I discovered after a time that my audience was composed chiefly of persons of other denominations, and of course we could not expect them to continue, however my congregations were alway as good as could be expected. I am sorry however, to say that the prospects for the Church in Marion are very gloomy indeed. Since I have been there I have had service regular once every Sunday, and sometimes twice, unless when officiating elsewhere.

Baptisms,	4.
Marriages,	none.
Funerals,	none.
Communicants,	3.

ANDREW MATTHEWS.

*Minister.*

## REPORT FROM TRINITY CHURCH, LA FAYETTE.

REV. THOS. A. COOK, Rector.

My report must necessarily be short, as I arrived at my present field of labors no farther back than the 23d of October, 1838. La Fayette contains about 12 or 1300 inhabitants, and is on account of its salubrity and other local advantages likely to be a place of considerable importance. I have organised a Church there and many of the citizens have manifested considerable interest in it.

We have there 8 communicants in good standing, and some prospects of an increase. I have also an interesting Sunday School with 40 scholars and three teachers, actively engaged in the interesting work of giving them instructions, an effort is also making to collect funds for building a Church which we have great hopes will succeed. As yet we have had no baptisms and only one marriage ceremony—but trusting to the Great Head of the Church, we hope in a few more years to be able to give a good account of our stewardship.



*The Rector of St. John's Church, on the Prairies, would report.*

That he took charge of this parish in January, and has officiated in it regularly since, to small but respectful and attentive congregations. The Church building has recently been completed, and the congregation manifest every disposition to support the institutions of the Gospel and the Church among them.

Communicants,	4 white, 2 colored.
Baptisms,	3
Marriages,	1

F. R. HANSON, *Rector.*

*Report of the Rev. Caleb S. Ives, Missionary in Texas, to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama.*

Until November last, I was employed in the same place and in the same manner as when I made my last report to the Convention, which was, acting as chaplain and professor of ancient languages of the Mobile Institute in Mobile. Besides my appropriate duties during that time, I occasionally assisted the Rev. Mr. Lewis, minister of the Church in that city. From the middle of July to the first of Nov. I supplied his place altogether, in his absence on a visit to the northern States to attend the general Convention, as a delegate from the Church in Alabama. In the months of May, June and July, before he left for the north, I read the morning service for him four times, the evening service six times, assisted him once at the communion, and preached for him four times. After he left for the north, I officiated twice on each Sunday, in the Church in the city in the morning, and at Spring Hill in the afternoon, and administered the communion on the first Sunday in each month. I left Mobile for this place on the 20th of Nov., and arrived here on the 12th of Dec. Since my arrival I have been actively and closely employed in the duties of the ministry, and in teaching a school. I perform the service and preach twice on every Sunday, and administer the communion on the first Sunday in each month, and on all the festivals on which it is customary to administer it. I administered it for the first time in Matagorda, on Christmas-day, that being the first time it was ever administered in the place, and so far as I am informed, the first time it was ever administered in Texas by a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Eight persons received the communion on Christmas-day, fourteen on the first Sunday in February, and eleven on the first Sunday in this month. All the members of the protestant denominations which hold to open communion, partake with us. We have in this place, six communicants, two male, and four female. Public worship had never been held in Matagorda but six times before my arrival; two Presbyterian ministers having each preached here three times. I have established a Sunday School, which now numbers twenty-six scholars, and four teachers beside myself. We use no books in our instructions but those of the Episcopal Sunday Union in the United States, including, especially, the Church catechism, and also the New

Testament. We have organised a Church here under the title of "The Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of Christ Church Matagorda;" and under what appears to me favorable auspices. This community is a very intelligent one, and I believe the impression thus far is generally favorable to the Church, and in a good number of cases I know there is already a preference for her scriptural, primitive, and sober character, both as to her doctrines, and liturgy. I have distributed almost sixty Prayer Books, and find them highly acceptable to almost all who attend Church. I have found but few persons destitute of the Bible, but have distributed many Tracts, and find them highly acceptable; indeed I have never distributed them with so much pleasure to myself, nor with more apparent benefit to those who receive them. There are between fifty and sixty families, and probably about a thousand souls at this time in Matagorda, and this number is rapidly increasing.

Baptisms during the last year, white children 16, coloured 2—total 18. Burials 8. Service performed in Mobile 41 times—on ship board twice—in Matagorda 21, times—total 64.

*Matagorda, Texas, March 28th, 1839.*

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*The following reports were sent to the Secretary:*

### CHRIST'S CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.

REV. N. P. KNAPP, Rector.

Having taken charge of this parish, (in June last,) under discouraging circumstances, the present Rector is deeply impressed with a sense of obligations, and he trusts, of devout gratitude, to the Great Head of the Church, for the mercies which have enabled him to make the report which he now submits to the Convention.

He found the parish, which was once flourishing, reduced by frequent emigrations to a feeble body of worshippers, who could with difficulty, support a minister, without missionary aid, which had been for some time received, but the vestry having determined to renew their efforts, and several liberal individuals having pledged themselves for his support, he applied himself to the duties of his office in faith and hope, and has been cheered with repeated assurances that he has not labored in vain.

The parish has gradually gained strength, and the Rector has been prompted by the conviction that it could fully sustain itself to resign his missionary appointment, and to trust to the liberality of the people for his support. His confidence has been fully justified. The vestry has voted a liberal salary for the ensuing year, and there is a strong feeling of unanimity and deep interest in its welfare, pervading the whole parish, which is worthy of praise, and peculiarly gratifying to the Rector.

The Church has gained many friends here—much of the prejudice with which she has been assailed has been removed, and her evangelical character, which has been constantly set forth, has been freely acknowledged.

Our congregations have been generally large, intelligent and attentive; and the spiritual condition of the parish is very encouraging. Several persons have lately "joined themselves unto the Lord in a perpetual covenant;" and it is acknowledged, with devout thanksgiving, that God

has blessed the humble efforts of his servant to preach "the unsearchable riches of Christ," trusting to the never failing help of the Holy Spirit.

The Rector would do equal violence to his sense of duty and to the warm feelings of his heart, should he fail to acknowledge with gratitude, the uniform kindness of his congregation, and their efforts to make him comfortable and happy.

A Ladies' society has been lately formed, which is designed to promote the general interests of the parish, and from which much good may be expected.

Our small Sunday School, which was closed during the winter, has not been re-opened. The few children belonging to the parish, will receive due attention in future.

The Rector has preached twice on Sundays throughout the year; and has held extra services during Lent. He has also performed some missionary service, having twice visited the Episcopalians in the Fork of Green county, preaching and baptising.

#### STATISTICS OF THE PARISH.

Number of Families, (about).....	20
Number of individuals holding pews.....	20
Baptisms—Adults.....	6
Infants, (3 in Greene county,).....	11
Communicants, (added 7—removed 4—present number....)	17
Marriages.....	2
Funeral.....	1
May 1st, 1839.	N. P. KNAPP.

#### *Report of the Churches at Tuscumbia and Florence.*

I arrived at Tuscumbia on the 1st of December last, and have been officiating in each parish on alternate Sundays. On my arrival there, I found but four communicants of the Church; we now number six, and several additions are expected next communion season. Our meetings are truly apostolical, being held in an upper room. Much interest is manifested in our services, which have been very well attended, and the responses are audibly made. Several persons who were originally Episcopalians, have long since connected themselves with other denominations, and are lost to us.

The Church at Florence is in a very unfinished state. We have just succeeded in having it glazed, and hope by the fall to plaster it. Our services have been held in a private house. I expected to have administered the sacrament of baptism to five or six children at Florence on Sunday last, but was prevented by sickness from attending.

Number of communicants at Tuscumbia.....	6
Number of communicants at Florence.....	8
No baptisms, confirmations, or funerals in either parish.	

W. A. HARRIS.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, WETUMPKA.

R. G. HAYS, MINISTER.

Baptisms, 4—Marriages, 1—Funerals 2—Communicants 3—Sunday scholars about 25—Distributed 21 paper books.

During the last year, scarcely any thing of an interesting character

has occurred in my Parish. I performed morning and evening service regularly, and to large congregations until late in the fall, but the attendance was small when the cold season set in, because of the unfinished state of the Church. During the winter the service was much interrupted from sickness and absence, and the completing of [the Church. It gives me much pleasure to state, that the edifice is now finished, and we have resumed the service under very favorable auspices. We have rented more pews than we supposed would be taken, and we have every reason to look for more prosperous times.

June 3d, 1839.

On motion of the Rev. William Johnson, it was

*Resolved*, That a committee on Canons be appointed.

The President appointed the Rev. William Johnson, Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rev. Francis B. Lee, Mr. Geo. D. Hooper, and Mr. Wm. H. D. Hall.

The committee on unfinished business would respectfully report.

That they have examined the Journal of the last Convention, and find that the Rev. Mr. Goodman was appointed a "committee to prepare a suitable plan for the organization of Churches in this Diocese and to report to this Convention, as that gentleman is not in attendance on this Convention, it is presumed that no report, has, or will be received from him at this time. The committee therefore would respectfully recommend to this Convention, the adoption of the articles of association in forming Churches, adopted by the diocese of Tennessee, in 1837, a copy of which will be found in the Journal of the Convention of that diocese for the same year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. L. BREWER, Chairman.

The Committee on the "state of the Church" beg leave respectfully to report:—

Since the last annual Convention of the church in this Diocese, although amidst some discouragements, has been gradually and steadily increasing; and the committee feel that they have cause for devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church; and in view of the brighter tokens of divine favour yet in reserve, they desire "to thank God," and press onward with increased activity and zeal in the cause of Christ.

The following is the statistical statement of the Diocese for the last year, as appears from the parochial reports of the seven following churches, viz: Christ's Church, Mobile; St. John's Church, Montgomery; Trinity Church, La Fayette; St. Peter's, Lowndes co.; St. John's Church Green co.; St. Michael's Church, Marion.

Communicants in 6 Parishes.....	168
Baptisms.....	44
Marriages.....	19
Funerals.....	13
Sunday School scholars, (in 2 parishes).....	270
Sunday School Teachers (in 2 parishes).....	32
Volumes in 1 Parish Library.....	250
Volumes in 1 Sunday School Library.....	109

The above summary is derived from the reports of less than half of the regularly organized congregations of the Diocese. From the news afforded them of the prospects of the church, your committee trust they do not err in considering them as a favorable indication of the state of the Church; but they feel constrained in candor to advert to the fact, that the very small number of reports, when we consider that there are in the Diocese 17 regularly organized congregations, that do not afford them sufficient information to speak with confidence; nor, as they believe, will they be deemed invidious, when they urge upon the clergy the duty, (inconsiderable in its labor and highly important in its consequences,) prescribed by the canon on parochial reports. Another animating token and strong ground of encouragement for the future, is found in the fact that *seven* congregations have been duly organized and admitted into union with the Diocese within the last two years.

For the state of the church as to its ability to support a Bishop, and the condition of the "Bishop's Fund," and its missionary operations, the committee beg leave to refer the convention to the reports of the committees appointed on those subjects.

In looking over the spiritual condition of the church in this Diocese, the committee feel that if she is preserved in "the unity of the spirit, and in the bond of peace," she will continue through the blessing of God upon the efforts of a faithful clergy, to "to lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes"—souls will be saved, and the name of Jesus glorified in the building up of his kingdom.

LUCIEN B. WRIGHT, Ch'n.

Committee on Florida and Georgia question beg to postpone their report until 3 o'clock.

Finance committee presented their report which was read and approved.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report—

That they have examined the Treasurers Report for the last year, and find it perfectly satisfactory; that they assess the following sums to be paid by the different churches in this Diocese, to defray the contingent expenses of the current year, and also to refund to Christ church, Mobile, any excess which may be thus raised, in part of expenses heretofore borne by it.

Christ Church, Mobile.....	\$100 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery.....	10 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.....	15 00
St. Pauls Church, Greensboro.....	15 00
St. John Church, Prairie.....	10 00
St. Peter Church, Lowndes.....	10 00
St. Paul Church, Selma.....	10 00
Christ Church, Hayneville.....	10 00
Christ Church, Wetumpka.....	10 00
St. Michael Church, Marion.....	10 00
St. Luke Church, Cahawba.....	10 00
St. Paul Church, Carlowville.....	10 00
Trinity Church, Florence.....	10 00
Trinity Church, La Fayette.....	10 00

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\$240 00

All of which is most respectfully submitted by the committee.

G. M. MALLETT, Chairman.

Committee on Canons, presented their report which was read and the following canons adopted.

(See Appendix C.....Canon 10, 11, and 12,)

After an animated discussion by Messrs. Wm. E. Bird, George D. Hooper, A. B. Winn, and others, upon the 12th canon, the Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock.

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3 o'clock.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the President.

Mr. R. W. Withers requested leave of absence, which was granted.

The standing committee presented their report.

At a meeting of the standing committee, held in Mobile, June 3d, 1838, the Rev. Samuel S. Lewis, was appointed the President, and the Rev. Caleb S. Ives was appointed Secretary of said committee for the ensuing year.

Attest—C. S. IVES, Secretary.

At a meeting of a majority of the clerical members of the standing committee, held in Mobile, June 3d, 1838, the consent of said committee were given to William Yeager, to become a candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Tennessee.

Attest—C. S. IVES, Secretary.

At a meeting of the standing committee, held in Mobile, June 3d, 1838, the Rev. Thomas A. Cook, was appointed to preach the convention sermon at the next annual convention, and the Rev. Lucien B. Wright, his substitute.

C. S. IVES, Secretary.

SEPT. 14th 1838.—This day letters dimissory of the Rev. N. P. Knapp, to this Diocese, were received from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, of New York, and accepted.

Attest—S. S. LEWIS, President.

Nov. 19th, 1839.....At a meeting of the stunding committee, held this day in Mobile,, the Rev. John R. Goodman was recommended to the

Secretary and General Agent of the Dorv. Board of Missions of the Prot. Epis. Church, as a suitable person to be employed as a Missionary in this Diocese.

Attest----S. S. LEWIS, President.

MOBILE, Nov. 19th, 1838.—This day, letters dimissory of the Rev. Wm. A. Harris, to this Diocese, were received from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Moore, of Virginia, and accepted.

Attest----S. S. LEWIS, President.

JAN. 28th, 1839.—At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held this day in Mobile, present the Rev. S. S. Lewis, the Rev. Wm. Johnson, and R. W. Withers. The Rev. C. S. Ives having removed from this Diocese, the Rev. Lucien B. Wright, was elected a member of the committee to fill his place. The Rev. W. Johnson, was at the same time, elected Secretary of the committee. At the same meeting, the committee having received a letter from the vestry of Christ Church, Tuskalooza, preferring certain charges against the Rev. Andrew Matthews, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That, whereas there has been no mode prescribed by the convention of this Diocese for the trial of clergymen, the committee postpone acting upon the charges preferred by the vestry of Christ Church, Tuskalooza, against the Rev. Andrew Matthews until such mode of trial shall have been prescribed.

Attest—WM. JOHNSON, Secretary.

MOBILE, FEB. 1839.—This day, letters dimissory of the Rev. R. G. Hays, to this Diocese, were received from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Otey, of Tennessee, and accepted.

Attest—WM. JOHNSON, Secretary.

MAY 4th, 1839.—At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held this day in Selma, present the Rev. Mr. Lewis, Rev. Mr. Johnson, and Dr. Withers. A communication from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ives, of North Carolina, was laid before them, enquiring whether the Rev. J. M. Robinson, a presbyter of North Carolina, residing in this Diocese, be accused, by public rumor, of discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office, without lawful cause, it was ascertained by the standing committee, upon enquiry, that the said Rev. J. M. Robinson, is accused, by public rumor, of the above named offence,—and it was therefore

*Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ives, be informed that the Rev. J. M. Robinson, is accused, by public rumor, of discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office without lawful cause, and the standing committee have sufficient reason to believe that said public rumor is founded in truth.

Attest—WM. JOHNSON, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Wm. H. D. Hall, the convention proceeded to the election of a standing committee; whereupon the Rev. S. S. Lewis and Wm. Johnson, and L. B. Wright of the clergy, and Messrs John D. Royal, Richard Naynard, and Giles M. Mullett, of the laity, were declared duly elected.

The deputies to the general convention were next elected, viz: the Rev. Samuel S. Lewis, Rev. William Johnson, Rev. F. R. Hanson, and Rev. Lucien B. Wright of the clergy; and Messrs. William Waddill, jr. William E. Bird, George Cleveland, jr., and M. J. Conley, of the laity.

On motion of Mr. George D. Hooper, it was

**Resolved**, That the standing committee be instructed to ascertain the condition of the Bishop's Fund, the resources of the Diocese for the supporting a Bishop, the expediency of electing one, and to report to the next convention.

On motion of Mr. George D. Hooper, it was

**Resolved**, That the Executive Missionary committee be annulled, and that their duties be imposed upon the Standing committee.

On motion of Mr. George D. Hooper, it was

**Resolved**, That the Standing committee report to the next annual convention, on the feasibility of establishing an Episcopal school in this Diocese.

On motion of Mr. G. M. Mallett, it was

**Resolved**, That the next annual convention be held in Christ Church, Mobile, on the last Saturday in April next.

The Delegates from St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, requested leave of absence, which was granted.

The Convention adjourned until after evening service.

#### AFTER EVENING SERVICE.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the communications from Florida and Georgia, presented their report, which was read and unanimously adopted.

#### *Report of the Committee upon the Communications of the Dioceses of Georgia and Florida.*

The Committee to whom were referred the communications received from the Diocese of Georgia and Florida, proposing an association of the said Dioceses with this Diocese, for the purpose of electing a common Bishop in pursuance of the provisions of the second section of the first Canon of the General Convention of 1838,

Report that they have perused with no ordinary interest the important documents submitted to them, which afford most gratifying evidences of the existence within our sister dioceses of a well directed zeal for the highest interests of that beloved Church, to the maintenance of all whose institutions every obligation of duty binds its members.

The high and peculiar importance of providing suitably for the efficient exercise of the Episcopal functions within this diocese none can feel more sensibly than your committee. That the energy the harmony and extended usefulness of the Church are most intimately connected with such provision for the Episcopal office is a proposition which cannot in this place require extended argument or illustration, nor will it be denied that the period has arrived when serious injury to the interests of the



Church within this diocese must result from the postponement of zealous and decided action upon this subject.

Most favorably therefore might your Committee have been inclined to view the mode of co-operation proposed by our sister dioceses had they felt at liberty to consider its mere expediency. But the discharge of their duty has necessarily obliged them to consider whether the projected association is authorised by the Canon under which it has been proposed.

From the views of this question, which discussion and reflection have impressed upon the minds of your committee they are forced to entertain the opinion that the association is not thus authorised. It seemed to your committee that the provisions of the canon bearing upon the proposition are applicable to those cases only in which each of the co-operating dioceses is destitute of the requisite number of Presbyters to entitle its convention to the separate election of a Bishop. It therefore became important for them to inquire whether such might not be the fact within the Diocese of Alabama. The result of that inquiry is that there are now therein six officiating Presbyters regularly settled in their respective churches or parishes, and that these Presbyters have resided for the space of more than one year—therein constantly officiating during that period under permanent or annual engagements with some parish therein although all of them have not resided for one year in the same parish. This state of facts they deem such as to qualify this diocese for a separate Episcopal election and therefore to render the plan of association proposed liable to the fatal objection which they have above expressed.

Your committee, therefore, constrained to believe it unnecessary to consider the expediency of the proposed association beg leave to recommend the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, 1st. That this diocese cannot consistently with the provisions of the 1st Canon of the General Convention of 1838, associate with our sister dioceses of Georgia and Florida, for the election of a common bishop.

*Resolved*, 2d. That it is the duties of the church within the dioceses, to devise prompt, efficient and liberal measures for the establishment of the Episcopate therein.

*Resolved*, 3d. That this Convention does most earnestly and affectionately urge upon their fellow churchman the due consideration of this subject with a view to final action in the next Diocesan Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. JOHNSON, Jr. Chairman:

On motion of Mr Geo D. Hooper, it was

*Resolved*, That the President of this Convention communicate the report read by the committee on the communication from Florida and Georgia, to the Presidents of their respective conventions.

On motion of Mr Wm Waddill, jr. it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the session of the Presbyterian Society at this place, for the use of their house of public worship on the present occasion, and that the Secretary communicate the same.

**Resolved,** That 400 copies of the Journal of this Convention, be printed and distributed.

On motion of Mr R. P. McCord, it was

**Resolved,** That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the citizens of Selma, for their hospitality towards this body during their Session.

The President was requested to vacate the Chair for a few minutes:

The Rev Lucien B. Wright was requested to take the Chair.

On motion of Mr R. P. McCord, it was

**Resolved,** That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to our President for his able, faithful and impartial discharge of his duties as President of this body, and that the Secretary communicate the same to him.

On motion of Mr Asa B. Winn, it was

**Resolved,** That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to our Secretary for the faithful discharge of his laborious duties and that he accept the same.

After prayers by the Rev Lucien B. Wright, the Convention adjourned sine die.

SAMUEL S. LEWIS, Chairman.

GILES M. MALLETT, Secretary.

<i>Diocese of Alabama, in account with the Treasurer.</i>				Cr.
1888	To amount of account of Christ Church, Mobile, assumed,	1888	By Assessment of Christ Church, Mobile,	\$100 00
May 5	To cash paid Mr Smith's bill for printing 300 copies of Journal, 1888,	May 5	" Cash received from St. John's Church, Montgomery,	20 00
July 10	To cash paid for wrapping paper and twine,		" Cash received from Christ Church, Tus-	15 00
	To cash paid Mr Geo Cleveland, jr. for as-		kaloosa,	10 00
	essment at General Convention, for		" Cash received from Christ Church, We-	10 00
	1886, 1887, 1888,		tumpka,	10 00
			" Cash received from St. Paul's Church, Selma,	10 00
			" Cash received from St. Paul's Church, Hayneville,	10 00
			" Cash received from St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,	10 00
			" Cash received from St. John's Church, in the Prairies,	10 00
			" Assessment of St Paul's Church, Green-	
			boro, not paid	\$15 00
			" Assessment of St. Michael's Church, Marion, not paid,	10 00
			To balance due Christ Church, Mobile,	\$25 00
				149 25
				<u>\$334 25</u>

Mobile, 15th April, 1888.

G. M. MALLETT, *Treasurer.*

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## APPENDIX A.

## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

STATE OF ALABAMA.

*Be it Resolved*, That the following Constitution be agreed to and adopted by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Alabama:

ARTICLE 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority of, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall have been designated by the next preceding Convention.

ART. 3. The Bishop shall have power to call Special Conventions when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church; or when applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee.

ART. 4. The Convention shall be composed of all ministers of this Church, in regular standing, who may at stated periods minister in any congregation or congregations within this state; or who may be engaged as professors or teachers in any college, academy or school, (whether incorporated or not) within this state; and of lay members, consisting of Delegates from each congregation.

ART. 5. In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body; and in voting, the clergy shall vote by individuals and the laity by congregations; and a majority of votes of the two orders, jointly, shall be decisive; but if, in any case, it be required by five votes, the two orders shall vote separately, in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In the case of electing a Bishop the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode last prescribed.

ART. 6. No minister shall be entitled to vote in the election of a Bishop, who shall not have resided within the state at least twelve months next preceeding the time of such election.

ART. 7. The bishop of the Church in this state shall be *ex officio* President of the Convention; and in case of his absence, or if there be no Bishop, a president *pro tempore* shall be elected from among the clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall also be *ex officio* Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, who shall keep a correct journal of the proceed

ings, and also a correct account of all monies he may receive, to be annually submitted to the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give due notice of the time and place of meeting of every Convention.

ART. 8. A Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three clergymen and three laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. Vacancies in the committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members. Two clerical members and one lay member of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 9. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer and a sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop of the Diocese, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 10. A proposition to alter this Constitution must be made in writing, and approved by two thirds of the Convention. It shall then lie over to the next Convention, and then if approved by a majority of the two orders of clergy and laity, (voting separately,) the amendment shall become a part of this Constitution.

## APPENDIX B.

## CANONS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

STATE OF ALABAMA.

**CANON 1.** The Vestries of the several congregations composing the Church in this State, and if there be no vestry, the congregations shall in such manner and at such times as they may deem proper, elect a number of Delegates, not exceeding five to represent them in the Convention of the State, and to serve for the term of one year, who before they shall be permitted to take their seats in the convention, shall produce a certificate of their election.

**CANON 2.** Two members of the clerical order, and a delegate or delegates of the lay order, from three churches shall, together, constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn.

**CANON 3.** The representatives of any congregation hereafter organized within this state, shall be admitted to a seat in this convention, by a vote of the same.

**CANON 4.** When a Special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in issuing the notification, to specify the business and purpose for which the convention is assembled.

**CANON 5.** Whereas, the regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the Convention is of essential consequence to the interest of the church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them, and it is recommended to the different parishes to make provisions for the expenses incurred by their respective ministers in attending the convention. At the opening of every convention, the names of the clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over, and the absentees noted.

**CANON 9.** To the intent that the church in this state may not be unrepresented in General Convention, the clerical and lay delegate or delegates, who may hereafter be nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent delegate or delegates, any citizen or citizens of this state; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is or are a member or members of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

**CANON 7.** The officers of this convention, and the deputies to the General Convention, shall continue in office, and exercise their respective functions for one year, and until another election take place.

**CANON 8.** The president of the convention may make any motion which he shall judge conducive to the good of the church, and may deliver his sentiments on any proposition before the convention, but he shall not vote unless upon an equal division.

**CANON 9.** The approving or receiving any clergyman into a church or congregation in this state, shall be vested in the vestry of the church, or the vestry and Church Wardens, as the case may be, having authority so to do; and where there is no vestry and Church Wardens, in the congregation which supports him, and receives the benefit of his ministry: *Provided*, that no clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any church in this state, unless he first produce to the vestry having such authority, or the vestry and Church Wardens, as the case may be, a certificate from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, a certificate from the Standing Committee, that he has exhibited to him, the Bishop, or to them, the Standing Committee, as the case may be, letters of orders, and testimonials of religious and moral conduct, as required by the Canons of the General Convention; and that his letters of orders and testimonials of religious and moral conduct are by him, the Bishop, or by them, the Standing Committee approved.

**CANON 10.**—Of the forming a church or Parish.

No church or parish shall be received into union with this Diocese, unless articles of association, authenticated by the chairman and secretary of such association, be presented to this convention, by a clerical or lay member thereof.

**CANON 11.**—Of Presentments.

Every trial of a clergyman in this Diocese for misbehavior, shall be on presentment made to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the clerical members of the standing committee, signed by two thirds of the whole vestry of any church, of which the accused is, or has been a minister, or by any two Presbyters of the Diocese, or by the convention of the Diocese.

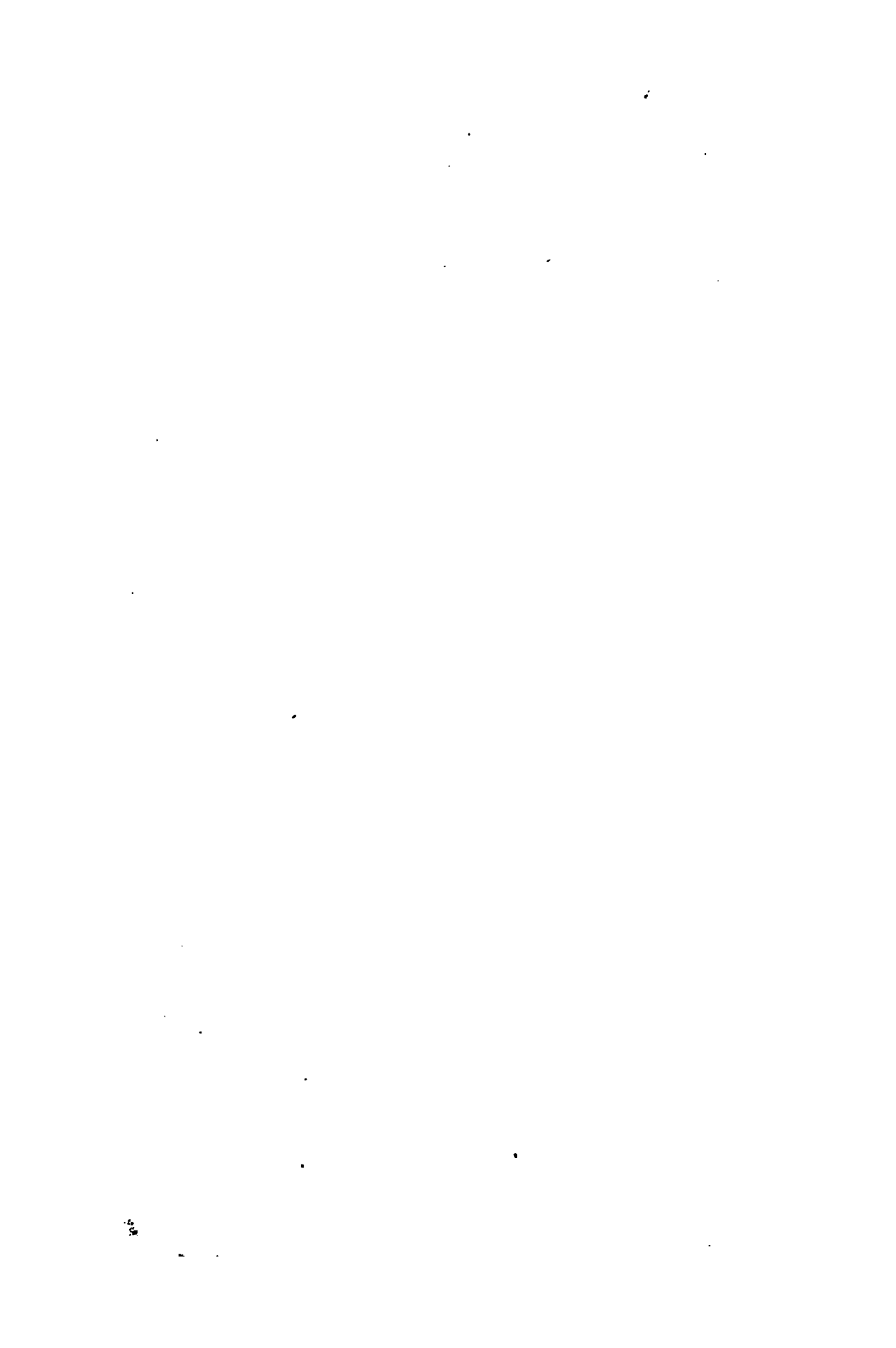
**CANON 12.**—Of the trial of a clergyman.

For the trial of every clergyman, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the clerical members of the standing committee, shall appoint six presbyters, if there are six in the Diocese, or if there be not six in the Diocese, then any number more than three, for trying the accused person, from which number the accused person shall choose three, who shall be constituted a board for the trial of the accused person.

The Bishop or clerical members aforesaid, shall fix the time and place of trial, of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the person accused, and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted; shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote of the Board shall be necessary to conviction. Having come to a decision, the Board shall communicate



their decision to the Bishop or clerical members aforesaid, and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final; and should there be no Bishop of the Diocese, the clerical members aforesaid, shall submit the record, decision, and proposed sentence, to some convenient Bishop, whose judgment in the case shall be final.



*[The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of  
the Diocese of Alabama, will be held in Christ Church, Mobile, on the last  
Saturday in April, 1840.]*

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#### ERRATA.

On 3d page *Prai* should be Prairies.

On 17th page *Naynard* should be Maynard.

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## **ERRATA.**


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Page 10,	line 22	from top—	for "will" read <i>would</i> .
" 11,	" 32	"	—for "belong," read <i>belong</i> .
" 11,	" 36	"	—for "right" read <i>rite</i> .
" 12,	" 40	"	—for "Feasts" read <i>Fas</i> .
" 19,	" 26	"	—for "Tuesday," read <i>Tuesday</i> .
" 20,	" 28	"	—after "thank" insert <i>Gua</i> .
" 23,	" 26	"	—for "who," read <i>which</i> .
" 24,	" 32	"	—for "Bronnell," read <i>Bronnell</i> .
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" 25,	" 22	"	—for "payments," read <i>payment</i> .
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A LIST  
OF  
THE CLERGY  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
RESIDENT IN, OR BELONGING TO THE  
DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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- The Rev. THOMAS A. COOK**, Minister of Trinity Church, Lafayette.  
**The Rev. WILLIAM A. HARRIS**, Rector of St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,  
and Missionary.  
**The Rev. F. R. HANSON**, Minister of St. John's Church in the Prairies.  
**The Rev. WILLIAM JOHNSON**, Minister of St. Peter's Church Lowndes, c'ty.  
**The Rev. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP**, Minister of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.  
**The Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS**, Minister of Christ Church, Mobile,  
**The Rev. JULIAN E. SAWYER**, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Greensborough,  
and Missionary.  
**The Rev. J. J. SCOTT**, (deacon) Minister of St. James' Church, Livingston,  
and Missionary.  
**The Rev. LUCIEN B. WRIGHT**, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Selma, and  
Missionary.  
**The Rev. CALEB S. IVES**, Rector of Christ Church, Matagorda, in the Repub-  
lic of Texas, and Missionary.  
**The Rev. ANDREW MATTHEWS**, \_\_\_\_\_
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The Convention of the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA held its Ninth Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 5th, 1840, pursuant to a resolution to that effect, passed at the Convention of 1839.

The Convention being called to order, the Rev. N. P. KNAPP, was requested to take the Chair, and Mr. A. B. WINN, was appointed Secretary *pro. tem.*

The Roll of the Clergy of the Diocese was then called, and the following gentlemen answered to their names, viz :

Reverend Messrs.—F. R. HANSON,  
N. P. KNAPP,  
S. S. LEWIS.  
J. J. SCOTT,  
J. E. SAWYER,  
W. JOHNSON.

On motion, it was,

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a committee of three persons to examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates, and to report the names of such as are constitutionally entitled to a seat in this Convention:—

*Whereupon*, the Chair nominated Rev. Messrs. LEWIS, JOHNSON, and HANSON on that Committee—who, upon such examination, reported the following persons to be duly authorized to attend the Convention as Representatives of their respective Parishes, viz :

Of St. Paul's Church Greensborough .. Messrs. ISAAC CROOM,  
JOHN G. HARVEY,  
JOH. B. STICKNEY,  
TURNER WILSON,  
JAMES BUCHANAN,

St. James' Church, Livingston,..... Messrs. PHILIP CLAYTON,  
B. LABUZAN.

St. Peter's Lowndes county,..... Messrs. R. P. McCORD,  
W. H. CHAMBLISS,  
JOHN ADAMS.

St. John's Church, Prairies,..... Messrs. R. C. MACON,  
H. C. ROBINSON,  
A. B. WINN,  
A. C. JONES,  
W. B. BOYD

Christ Church, Mobile,.....Messrs. EDWARD HALL,  
RICHARD MAYNARD,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
DANIEL FOWLER, Jr.  
GEORGE WRAGG.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....Messrs. E. W. PECK,  
MAJOR COOK,  
HARDING PERKINS,  
G. W. PARISH,  
D. S. BALL.

Of which Delegation the following persons were present, and answered :

From St. Paul's Church, Greensborough...Messrs. ISAAC CROOM,  
JOSEPH B. STICKNEY,

From St. James' Church, Livingston,.....Mr. B. LABUZAN,

From St. John's Church, Prairies,.....Messrs. R. C. MACON,  
A. B. WINN,  
W. B. BOYD,

From St. Peter's Church, Lowndes co..... Mr. R. P. MCCORD,

From Christ Church, Mobile,.....Messrs. EDWARD HALL,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
RICHARD MAYNARD,  
DANIEL FOWLER, Jr.  
GEORGE WRAGG.

From Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....None.

On motion of Mr. A. B. WINN, Doctor T. DEWEES was admitted to a seat in this Convention, as a Delegate from Trinity Church, at Demopolis.

On motion of Mr. A. B. WINN, Mr. MARVIN was admitted to a seat in this Convention, as a Delegate from Christ Church, at Haynesville.

The Convention then went into the election of President.

The Rev. Mr. LEWIS being put in nomination, was chosen President of this Convention by acclamation.

Messrs. GILES M. MALLETT and JOHN B. NIXON, were put in nomination for the office of Secretary, when,

On motion, it was, *Resolved*, That the Convention elect a Secretary by ballot. Upon counting the votes, it appeared that JOHN B. NIXON had received the constitutional majority—*whereupon* the Chair declared John B. Nixon to be duly elected Secretary of this Convention. He entered upon his duties accordingly.

Divine Service was then performed—Prayers being read by the Rev. Mr. HANSON, assisted by the Rev. Mr. SCOTT, who read the Lessons. The Rev. Mr. SAWYER read the Ante-Communion Service, assisted by the Rev. Mr. JOHNSON, who read the Epistle and

Gospel for the day. After which the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. KNAPP, from the 1st chapter of *St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*, and 22d verse.

**AFTER SERVICE—**

On motion, it was,

*Resolved*, That the rules of order hitherto adopted, govern the present Convention.

The President then appointed the following committees:

**ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.**

**Rev. Messrs. HANSON—JOHNSON—KNAPP.**

**ON FINANCE.**

**Messrs. ISAAC CROOM—B. LABUZAN—A. B. WINN—  
R. P. McCORD—GEORGE WRAGG.**

**ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**Rev. Mr. KNAPP, and Mr. MARTIN.**

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Knapp, it was,

*Resolved*, That the Parochial Reports be submitted to the Convention on Monday morning.

The Treasurer's Report for the past year, being next in order, was read by the Secretary as follows, viz:

*Diocese of Alabama in account with the Treasurer of the Convention.*

Dr.			Cr.	
1839.		1839.		
May 4.	To balance due Christ Church, Mobile,.....	\$149 25	May 4. By assessment of C. Church Mobile,.....	\$100 00
July 8.	Cash paid Mr Smith for print- ing 400 copies of Journal, 1839,.....	70 00	By assessment of St. John's Church, Prairies,.....	10 00
	Cash paid for Stationary,.....	2 00	By assessment of St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,.....	10 00
1840.			By assessment of St. Michael's Church, Marion,.....	10 00
Apr 24.	Cash paid for sundry postages, 3 50		By assessment of St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,....	10 00
			By assessment of St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	10 00
			By assessment of St. Paul's Church, Carlisleville,.....	10 00
			By assessment of Trinity Church, Lafayette,.....	10 00
				\$170 00
			To this amount, due the Treasurer, ..	5 99
				\$164 01
			To balance due Christ Church Mobile, ..	60 25
		\$324 75		\$224 25

[Signed,]

MOBILE, May 24th, 1840.

E. E.

G. M. MALLET, TREASURER.

**[Signed]**

**MOBILE, April 24th, 1840.**

**Memoirs—GEORGE CLEVELAND, jr.**  
**JAMES MARTIN,**  
**A. B. WINN,**  
**MORRIS J. CONLY.** } **LAITY.**

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hanson, it was,

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint a committee of five persons to enquire whether this Diocese is Canonically entitled to elect an Episcopal Officer at this Convention.

In accordance with the above resolution, the Chair nominated the Rev. Messrs. *Hanson, Sawyer, and Knapp*, and Messrs. *James Martin* and *A. B. Winn*, on that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Richard Maynard, it was,

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourns, that it shall stand adjourned until 11 o'clock, A. M., on Monday, 27th inst.

MONDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1840.

The Convention met this day at 11 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment on Saturday evening the 25th inst.

At half-past 11 o'clock, a quorum being formed, the meeting was opened with Prayers by the President.

After which the Roll was called, and the Minutes of the preceding Meeting read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. A. B. Winn, it was,

*Resolved*, That Col. ARMSTEAD, appointed by the Delegation from St. John's, in the Prairies, Greene county, as a substitute for those persons, who were absent, be admitted to a seat in this Convention—he was admitted accordingly.

The Parochial Reports being next in order, it was, on motion,

*Resolved*, That each Clergyman read his own Report—they were read in the order of representation, accordingly, viz :

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO',

J. E. SAWYER, RECTOR.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro' reports, that he took charge of this Parish in November last, and that there have been 13 Baptisms, (five of them being adults,) 10 Confirmations, 9 Communicants added, (the whole number being about twenty,) and 1 burial. The Parish was found in a feeble condition, but the Rector has good trust that the Church will gradually commend itself to the piety and sober sense of the community. They have engaged in the effort to erect a building for the worship of Almighty God, and have secured for that purpose, by a subscription, upwards of three thousand dollars.



## ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

REV. J. J. SCOTT, RECTOR.

BAPTISMS—Adults 2—Infants 11.....	13
CONFIRMATIONS.....	8
COMMUNICANTS—removed 2—added 6.....	28

REMARKS.—I have so recently taken charge of this Parish, that I could not speak particularly of our prospects, without more of conjecture than perhaps might be safe. We have no proper edifice in which to conduct the worship of Almighty God, but propose soon to set on foot some enquiries as to the possibility of obtaining funds for this purpose. In the mean season our services will be conducted in a private room, or such other place as we may be able to secure.

I officiate at the Fork in connexion with Livingston, both of which places are under the fostering care of the General Missionary Society of the Church. As we have not yet an organized Parish in the Fork, I do not feel myself called upon to report to this Convention. Before the next annual meeting I hope to have the Church organized, and that it may appear that I am prospered in the work whereunto I am sent of the Lord.

## ST. PETERS' PARISH, LOWNDES COUNTY.

REV. WM. JOHNSON, RECTOR.

I entered upon my duties in this Parish on the 20th day of May, 1839. Since then, there has been service once every Sunday, except when twice deterred by bad weather, when in Tuscaloosa, on Church business, and when absent one Sunday with Bishop Polk. There was service also on Christmas day and Good Friday. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered six times.—Our number of communicants is quite small. There are at present but four. We are encouraged, however, to hope, that there is such interest manifested in the Church as characterizes this Congregation, especially by those who put themselves within the reach of the Gospel; its power will be shown upon their hearts, and our number of communing members will soon be enlarged.

The condition of the roads in the Winter and early in the Spring, is a great hindrance to a full and regular attendance at Church during those seasons. But throughout the balance of the year this duty is faithfully performed. I also owe it to my Congregation to state, that they have never been backward in showing those friendly attentions so gratifying, as coming from those in whom we feel the greatest interest.

Since my arrival in the Parish, the Vestry have had built a commodious Parsonage, not more than one hundred yards from the Church; and at no time are they unoccupied by the affairs of the Church. The Ladies too, by their industry, have raised about four hundred dollars, with a part of which a service of silver will be purchased for the Altar, and a sufficiency of paint and oil for the Church and the Parsonage. The remainder they will appropriate according to their own judgment.

In addition to the services of Sunday mornings, I have service for the colored people in the afternoon of the second Sunday of every month. And I am glad to say, that from a commencement with about six or eight, the congregation has increased to upwards of an hundred. I never depart from our inimitable book of worship, both in prayer and singing, and my plan is to read to them and explain a chapter, or as much of one as they seem capable to bear, instead of a formal sermon. Since I commenced my duties here I have had

INFANT BAPTISMS.....	9
ADULTS " (colored).....	2
Total.....	11

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PRAIRIES.

F. R. HANSON, RECTOR.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Prairies, Greene county, will report that he has officiated regularly in this Parish every Sunday, since the last Convention, except the time he was absent on a visit to his friends. The Congregation has not increased much. The attendance, however, has perhaps been as large as could be expected under the circumstances in which the Church is placed, and the Rector has been gratified and encouraged by the liberal support which he has received. The Church has sustained a heavy loss by the death of one of the few communicants connected with it. The death of this Lady will long be felt and lamented by the little flock with which she was united by her religious associations and to whom her sincere and unostentatious piety, and kind and amiable disposition had greatly endeared her. One communicant has removed into the Parish, and our present number is the same as reported to the last Convention. The Rector has been gratified by the number of colored persons who have attended on his ministry; from ten to twelve have become communicants. The recent visit of the Right Rev. Bishop Polk to the Parish was highly gratifying, and will, it is hoped, be productive of happy results.

*Arcola, April 20th, 1840.*



## REPORT

OF

## CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

During the past year "judgment and mercy" have attended this Parish. It is well known that destroying sickness has carried off many of our population, and desolating fires have consumed a large number of buildings, and much other property.

Among the buildings consumed by fire was the temporary Episcopal Church. In consequence of the new Church not being finished so early by several months as was expected, the congregation were compelled to hold divine service in the Court House until February, when the new Church was sufficiently completed to allow of its being occupied. The interior of the Church is now entirely finished, and it is the intention of the vestry to furnish it, and complete the exterior during the ensuing season. The minister was compelled to be absent during most of the last Summer and Autumn, in consequence of a severe and protracted illness, but the service of the Church was read a part of the time by the Wardens on Sunday mornings.

In November he returned, and the usual services have been regularly performed, and it affords him the highest gratification to state that an uncommon degree of religious sensibility has pervaded the congregation since that time. Under God his labors have been blessed in a large increase to the Congregation and Communion, for which he devoutly renders thanks to the great Head of the Church, to whom alone belongs all the honor and all the praise.

On the third Sunday in Lent the Parish received a very interesting and profitable visit from the Right Rev. *Leonidas Polk*, D. D., our excellent Southern Missionary Bishop, who preached several times, and administered the Apostolic right of Confirmation.

The Sunday School continues to be very flourishing. The attendance has been better than ever before. The Teachers are all Communicants, who, with the indefatigable Superintendent, have rendered the School, through the Divine blessing, exceedingly prosperous. The Colored School has been interrupted several times from various causes, but is now in successful operation. The contributions to benevolent objects, have been liberal, when the expense of building the new Church, and the calamitous events alluded to in the beginning of this Report are taken into the account.

*The following Sums have been Collected.*

For the building of a Church, in Matagorda, Texas.....	\$316
For Domestic Missions.....	250
For the Sunday School.....	118 70
For Bibles, Prayer Books, Tracts, &c.....	139 55

\$824 25

*The Statistics of the Parish are as follows :*

COMMUNICANTS—(died 5; removed 15; added 46.).....	174
BAPTISMS—(Adults 5; Infants 33;).....	37
FUNERALS.....	9
MARRIAGES.....	8
PERSONS CONFIRMED.....	25
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS—(male 9; female 13).....	32
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARS—male 52; female 87).....	145

SAMUEL S. LEWIS.

MOBILE, April 25, 1840.

**CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA.**

BAPTISMS.....	none.
MARRIAGES.....	2
FUNERALS.....	2
COMMUNICANTS (added 3;) present number.....	20
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.....	5
SCHOLARS.....	30
COLLECTIONS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.....	\$42

The Minister of this Parish having been absent from the State during five months of the year which has passed since the last Convention, cannot give so favorable a report as he otherwise might have given, and gladly would give at this time. During his absence his Church was closed, and his flock without a Shepherd, but on his return he found them eagerly looking for the ministrations to which they had been accustomed, and which they have since continued to receive with constantly increasing interest and attention. The interval of his absence was improved by the Vestry, with the liberal aid of individuals in the Parish, to reform and beautify the Church edifice. The Pulpit was altered—a new reading desk was built, to the great convenience and comfort of the Minister, as well as to the adornment of the Sanctuary in which it is his privilege to officiate; and he would be unjust to *himself*, as well as to the Vestry and to the Parish generally, if he neglected this opportunity of publicly expressing his deep sense of gratitude for the many proofs of their desire and determination to promote his comfort and happiness during the year past. May God bestow upon them the abundance of His Grace and spiritual benediction, and build them up continually in true holiness, for the sake of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Divine Service is read, and a Sermon preached twice on Sunday, throughout the year, and the usual Feasts and Festivals are uniformly observed. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sunday in each month. The Sunday School is opened with devotional exercises by the Minister. The congregations are generally full and attentive, and many of the members of the other congregations, of every denomination in our city, find somewhat to draw them into our sanctuary.

The spiritual growth of the Parish though not otherwise marked than by an increasing interest in the ministrations of the word, and by the number of confirmations during the recent visitation of Bishop Polk, is encouraging to the minister, and will justify the hope which he entertains of becoming an instrument in the hands of God of much good to the people under his charge.

As he hopes, so he prays, in the name, and for the sake of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

NATHANIEL P. KNAPP.

TUSCALOOSA, April 20th, 1840.

The Report of the Rev. *William A. Harris* and the Rev. *Thomas A. Cook*, were read by the Secretary, those gentlemen not being present, viz :

## REPORT OF THE REV. WM. A. HARRIS.

### MISSIONARY AT TUSCUMBIA AND FLORENCE.

During the year, I have been enabled to perform Divine Service in each Parish with but little interruption. We have had much to encourage, and much to discourage us. Until the Fall, our services in Tuscumbia were celebrated in a room used for Balls, Military Trainings, &c.;—they are now held in the Rev. *W. H. C. Yeager's* School House, which is rather out of the way, and the Congregations are therefore not so large; the members are regular, however, in their attendance, and exhibit much interest in the services, and could the Church be sustained two or three years longer, I have no doubt a good congregation could be gathered together. But the difficulty of obtaining a support, will, I fear, oblige me to forward my resignation to the committee, in which case, I shall leave on or before the first day of June. In this step, Bishop Polk justifies me.

The prospects of the Church at Florence are not so flourishing—the members do not feel a proper interest in its prosperity, and they lack firmness to face the strong opposition we meet with.

The Episcopal Church is the Church that Christ established, and he having promised *to be with her Ministers always*, no opposition, however strong, can stay her progress. Nothing but the luke-warmness and unfaithfulness of her members, can do that; and woe be to that communicant, who having put his hand to the plough, looks back. It is enough to conciliate, but we should never compromise.

On the 11th day of August, we adopted Articles of Association which I have forwarded with a request that we be received into union with the Convention.

BAPTISMS in St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.—(Adults 2; Children 10).....	12
CONFIRMATIONS—(one from Florence).....	11
MARRIAGES.....	3
CONSECRICANTS—(added 9;) Total number .....	15

## TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE.

BAPTISMS—(children).....	12
COMMUNICANTS—(added 4,) total.....	10
FUNERALS.....	1

The bad weather prevented Bishop Polk from holding a confirmation in Florence. There are five candidates in that place. Rev. W. H. C. Yeager preaches in each place every other Sunday—thus both Churches are kept open.

## REPORT OF TRINITY CHURCH, LAFAYETTE.

Since my last report I have been obliged to part with two members of my Church, who have removed away. Our present number in the town is four. I have officiated at five Weddings, and have baptized three children. It is extremely difficult to tell what feelings the people in general entertain towards us, as we still occupy the Methodist Church in routine with two other denominations, but our Services are always well attended, and the people are orderly and respectful. Several individuals have turned more decidedly in our favor, and I believe nothing deters them from casting in their lot among us, but the unfortunate impression that we cannot get money to build a Church, and are therefore not permanently settled. This impression was strengthened last Winter by a report that I was going to remove; but if it were in our power to present some ocular demonstration of a Church, we should have our number doubled in less than a month. The present moment may be looked upon as the darkest page in the history of our enterprise. In all our demonstrations, the people are neither hot nor cold; there is neither the voice of prayer nor praise, but a listless assent to any thing. Even the storm of opposition is more pleasant; for the Minister of the Gospel is much like a seaman, who has become so inured to tempests and storms, that he dreads nothing but a calm. It is true, we hear some sly hints, now and then, about Roman Catholics, &c., but from quarters where prejudice is fully acquitted by ignorance. At present our Sunday School is not large; there are from twelve to twenty scholars, but at no time have I been more encouraged:—my only fear is, that the parents of those we have, may take the alarm, but I trust and believe some good seed has already commenced springing up in the hearts of the Scholars.

We suffered a great disappointment in not receiving a visit from Bishop Polk. There was quite a stir made in expectation of his coming, and the chagrin was very evident when I was forced to announce that he could not come. We confidently expected six or eight candidates for confirmation.

THOMAS A. COOK, *Rector*.

The following report from the Rev. CALEB S. IVES, Missionary at Matagorda, Republic of Texas, was received after the adjournment of the Convention, but is spread upon the journal by order of the President :

**REPORT OF THE REV. CALEB S. IVES,  
MISSIONARY AT MATAGORDA, REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, TO THE  
CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.**

After my report to the last Convention, I was, until the 8th of May, regularly employed here as Missionary ; when, by invitation of the citizens, seconded and urged upon me by the Vestry of the Church, I embarked for the United States, to solicit aid to build a Church in this place. In visiting the Churches in the United States, I was uniformly received with kindness and affection, and witnessed, wherever I went, the warmest interest in the establishment and support of the Church in this town, and in Texas generally. On arriving in the United States, I found, from the great stagnation of business, and scarcity of money, that we had selected a very unpropitious time for our object ; I however received, together with what we hope yet to receive, almost sufficient to build us a Church. The funds I gathered, I left in New York, and made a contract with a gentleman there to procure the materials, and prepare and ship out to us a building, to be thirty-four by fifty-five feet on the ground, and to contain eighty pews. It is to be a wooden building, and when completed, will cost about four thousand dollars. Our town is very pleasant, gradually increasing in numbers, with a fair prospect of being of commercial importance, having now a population of a thousand or twelve hundred persons. It is no doubt before any other place in the Republic in point of the quality of buildings, the tone of moral feelings, the good order and elevated character of the society, and in exertion to promote religion and learning. There is no public worship in Matagorda, except the services of the Church, and the Church is almost universally received with approbation, and in many instances with the liveliest interest. The continued and increasing attendance at Church, and the general and lively interest in the services, are highly commendable, and very encouraging to my feelings. We have the same number of communicants that I reported last year, two having left, and two having been added, one of whom has recently joined the communion, and the other removed to the place. We have an interesting Sunday School, including almost every child in town. And now we pray that the blessing of the great Head of the Church may accompany the ordinances and ministrations of his Gospel here, and throughout the world, to the renovation and sanctification of the wayward sons of men.

BAPTISMS—(1 white adult; 2 white children; 1 colored)—total.....	4
BURIALS.....	2
COMMUNICANTS.....	6
FAMILIES IN TOWN—about.....	50
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.....	5
"          "      SCHOLARS.....	33

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The Convention assembled at half past 4 o'clock, P. M., for the further despatch of business.

The several committees were then called upon by the President for their several reports.

The Rev. Mr. Knapp, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported (verbally) that there was no unfinished business before that committee.

The Committee on the State of the Church, asked for further time to make their report—granted until the succeeding morning.

The Special Committee appointed to enquire whether this Diocese is canonically entitled to elect a Bishop at this Convention, asked for further time wherein to make their report—granted until the succeeding morning.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Sawyer, it was,

*Resolved*, That the Chair appoint two committees, to consist, each, of two Clergymen and one Laymen, to examine the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, and to report to this Convention, whether the said Constitution and Canons require revision or not;—if they do, the committees to be instructed to prepare a new Constitution and Canons, if, in their opinion, it be requisite so to do—or revise the present ones, and report the result of their labors at the next Convention of this Diocese, and that the President be chairman of both committees.

The Chair therefore nominated the Rev. MR. SAWYER, and MR. R. MAYNARD, *on the Constitution*, and the Rev. MR. KNAPP and MR. E. W. PECK, *on the Canons*.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was read by the Secretary, viz :

MOBILE, 27th April, 1840.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, have examined the same, and find it correct.

Since the Report of the Treasurer was handed in, the committee have ascertained that the assesment of Christ Church, Tusculocsa, has been paid, which will leave the balance due Christ Church, Mobile, forty-five dollars and twenty-five cents.

The Committee would recommend to the Convention the appropriation of fifty-one dollars, for the purpose of paying the Rev. Wm. Johnson thirty-six dollars, and to the Rev. F. H. Hanson, fifteen dollars, being the amount of their expenses while attending the trial of the Reverend William Matthews, during the last Summer.

To meet the above sums, and to pay the expense of printing the Journal of this Convention, and other incidental expenses, your

committee would recommend the following assessments upon the different Churches in the Diocese, to wit:

Christ Church, Mobile, :	\$100	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, :	\$10
St. John's Church, Montgomery, :	10	Trinity Church, Lafayette, :	10
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, :	15	St. Paul's Church Greensboro', :	15
St. John's Church, Prairies, :	10	Christ Church, We'ampka, :	10
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes, :	10	St. Michael's Church, Marion, :	10
St. Paul's Church, Selma, :	10	Trinity Church, Florence, :	10
St. James' Church, Livingston, :	10		
			<hr/> \$230

Amount due, and probably required, : : : : \$171 75

All of which, is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES CROOM, *Chairman*.

On motion, it was,

**Resolved**, That because this Convention has no official cognizance of such a Parish in Alabama, as "Trinity Church, Florence," and because the Parish of Demopolis is now represented at this Convention—that the report be referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to strike out "Trinity Church, Florence" with its assessment, and insert "Trinity Church, Demopolis," with its assessment.

Some discussion arose on the inequality of assessment of St. James' Church, Livingston—when the report was referred.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Knapp, it was,

**Resolved**, That when this Convention rises from its present session, that it shall stand adjourned, to meet in the city of Tuscaloosa, on the first ~~Wednesday~~ in May, 1841.

The motion of the Rev. Mr. Johnson, to adjourn was lost.

The motion of Mr. R. P. McCord, that this Convention will end its present session on Wednesday forenoon, (the hour of such adjournment being left indefinite,) was lost.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Scott, it was,

**Resolved**, That a committee of three Clergymen, and the same number of Laymen, be appointed by the Chair, to devise a plan for the formation of a society, for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Alabama, and to report at the next Convention.

In pursuance of the aforesaid resolution, the Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Johnson, Sawyer, and Scott, of the Clergy, and Messrs. McCord, Croom, and Labuzan, of the Laity.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Scott, the President was added to the said Committee, and to be *ex officio*, chairman thereof.

The Committee on Finance submitted the revised report, in which the following alterations appeared to have been made, viz:

The words "Trinity Church Florence, 10," stricken out and the words "Trinity Church, Demopolis, 10," inserted;—also, the assessment of St. James' Church, Livingston, was increased ten dollars, making it twenty dollars.

On motion,

The Convention adjourned until Tuesday morning the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1840.

The Convention met (pursuant to adjournment) on Tuesday morning, 28th April, 1840, at 10 o'clock.

A quorum being present, the Convention was opened with Prayers by the President.

The roll being called, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read, amended, and adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Church, made their report, as follows, viz :

"The Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to report, that from an inspection of the Parochial Reports, which have been submitted to them, and which embraces a view of the condition of most of the Parishes in the Diocese, they derive much satisfaction and encouragement. The Church is steadily growing, not only in all the elements of outward prosperity, but likewise in true holiness, which is the best security for its permanent establishment. While the elder Parishes afford cheering evidence, that God has blessed the patient and persevering efforts of His servants, to glorify his name, some of the new Parishes have given an earnest of future excellence, which the committee were not prepared to expect. And although there are important places in which the Church has been planted which have not been reported to the Convention, and which it is ascertained, from various sources, are unprovided with the ministrations of the Word, yet the Committee feel, that they have reason "to thank and take courage," when the whole state of the Church in this Diocese is fairly viewed. This conclusion they feel inclined to adopt, the more readily, when they consider that the Church has never yet been presented in its completeness, but has been hitherto without a head—shorn of its chief glory and its greatest strength. Having no Bishop, and enjoying only occasional supervision, (which, although not sufficient for our wants, is yet acknowledged with deep gratification,) the Diocese could not reasonably be expected to grow with that rapidity, which has marked the progress of other Dioceses having a complete organization. When this want shall be supplied, which we hope and pray may be as speedily as possible, there is no reason to suppose that there will be any limit to the advancement of the Church in this Diocese, but that which our own unfaithfulness may impose.

The following summary of the statistical information from eight Parishes, viz: Christ Church Mobile, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,' St. Peter's Church, Lowndes

County, St. James' Church, Livingston, St. John's, Tuscombua, Trinity Church, Lafayette; Trinity Church, Florence, (a 'Missionary station,) and St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene county, will fully warrant the opinions above expressed in regard to the condition and prospects of the Church.

COMMUNICANTS (added 79).....	277
BAPTISMS—(adults 14).....	101
MARRIAGES.....	18
FUNERALS.....	16
CONFIRMATIONS.....	64
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.....	27
SCHOLARS.....	186
COLLECTIONS FOR MISSIONARY AND RELIGIOUS PURPOSES...	\$366 25

The Parishes from which no reports were presented, are the following:—St. Paul's Church, Selma; Christ Church, Wetumpka; St. John's Church, Montgomery; St. Luke's Church, Cahawba; Christ Church, Haynesville; St. Paul's Church, Carlowville; St. Michael's Church, Marion.

Of these Parishes, there are four which are now unprovided with Ministers, viz: St. Michael's Church, Marion; Christ Church, Haynesville, (these are small and recently organized Parishes, in which there are no places set apart for public worship;) Christ Church, Wetumpka, and St. John's, Montgomery, in which there are substantial brick churches, and should be settled Ministers.

In view of these facts, the committee are constrained to utter one cry of lamentation, amidst the rejoicing in which they have been inclined to indulge on a survey of the whole Diocese, and to repeat their earnest prayer, that we may be soon permitted to enjoy the exclusive care and supervision of a Bishop, who shall, under God, and by the help of the Holy Spirit, be enabled "to strengthen such as do stand, to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up those who fall."

The Committee cannot conclude their report, without expressing their sense of the importance of having a full representation of the Parishes constituting the Diocese, in the Convention thereof, especially at a time, when questions deeply affecting the welfare of the Church, may be expected to come before the Convention. And they would express the hope, that in future, no Parish will neglect to appoint a delegation, whether it be provided with a Minister or not. Some of the Parishes are very attentive to this matter; but then we shall be most prosperous when all shall feel that the exercise of a franchise involving interests so important, is a duty, which as Churchmen, they should never neglect.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Committee.

N. P. KNAPP, *Chairman*.

Which, on motion, was accepted by the Convention.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, made a verbal report as to the state of that fund.

The Special Committee, appointed to enquire whether this Diocese is canonically entitled to elect a Bishop at this Convention, being called on for their report, asked and obtained leave to retire in order to confer together upon an unsettled point in their deliberations.

During the retirement of said committee, the committee appointed to revise the Constitution, made their report, which was laid on the table until the committee just retired, should have reported.

The Committee of Enquiry, having returned, through their chairman, reported verbally—"That the committee did not come to a definite conclusion upon the question before them, arising from the fact that there was a tie, and that the chairman felt it a matter of such importance and delicacy, that he did not wish to assume the responsibility of determining it by a casting vote, but would rather submit to the Convention the facts, and let that body act upon such facts.

This report drew forth a lengthy and highly interesting debate, in which Messrs. *Martin* and *Winn* supported the affirmative side of the question—opposed by the Rev. Messrs. *Hanson*, *Sawyer* and *Johnson*;—when, on the requisition of five members, the Convention voted by orders on the question—"Is this Diocese canonically entitled to elect a Bishop at this Convention?"

The following votes were taken.

The Rev. Mr. Hanson,	?	-	nay	Parish of St. Peter's, Lowndes,	-	nay
The Rev. Mr. Sawyer,	-	-	nay	Parish of St. John's Prairies,	-	aye
The Rev. Mr. Knapp,	-	-	nay	Parish of C. Church, Mobile,	-	nay
The Rev. Mr. Scott,	-	-	nay	Parish of C. Church, Tuscaloosa,	nay	
The Rev. Mr. Johnson,	-	-	nay	Parish of Demopolis,	-	nay
Parish of St. Paul's, Greensboro'	nay			Parish of Haynesville,	-	nay
Parish of St. James' Livingston,	-	nay				

Therefore, the decision of this Convention is—"That this Diocese is *not* canonically entitled to elect a Bishop at this Convention."

The report of the committee appointed to revise the Constitution, was then called up, when the following report was read :

## CONSTITUTION

### OF THE

### PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

### IN THE

### DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity, the advantages of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, ordain and establish this Constitution :



**ART. 1.**—(The same as in the printed Journal.)

**ART. 2.**— do do do.

**ART. 3.**—The Bishop, or if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power, when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a Special Convention by a circular letter to the several Churches. There shall not be less than eight weeks' notice previous to the day appointed; and such meeting shall be holden where the authority calling it shall determine; and at such Special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

**ART. 4.** The Convention shall be composed of all Ministers of this Church in regular standing, who may at stated times officiate in any congregation in this Diocese, and are in ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese; and of Lay members, consisting of a delegation from each Parish.

**ART. 5.**—The same as in the printed Journal, except that for the words "by five votes" shall be substituted "by any two clergymen, or by the delegations of any two Parishes," and ending with the words beginning "In case, &c."

**ART. 6.** The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in Convention. The election shall be conducted as follows:—The clergy shall vote by ballot for some suitable person for the office of Bishop, and in the primary election, six Presbyters shall be present in convention, who shall have been in ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese at least twelve months prior to the election, and shall have officiated in some Parish or Parishes, who is, or are, in union with the Convention during the said time; and in all elections thereafter, two-thirds of the clergy of the Diocese shall be requisite to determine the choice. The nomination thus made shall be communicated to the lay members, who shall proceed to vote by ballot, whether to receive or reject it, two thirds of whom shall be necessary to confirm the election.

**ART. 7.**—(The same as in the printed journal, except that the last sentence should read thus—"It shall also be his duty to give a written notice to every clergyman and Parish in the Diocese of the times and place of the meeting of every convention.")

**ART. 8.**—(The same as in the printed journal.)

**ART. 9.**—(The same as in the printed journal.)

**ART. 10.**—(The same as in the printed journal.)

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hanson, it was

*Resolved*, That the Constitution be read by the Secretary, section by section, with the amendments as they occur.

On reading the constitution and amendments, the following action was taken on it:

**THE PREAMBLE.**—Accepted.

**ARTICLE 1.**—Accepted.

**ARTICLE 2.**—Accepted,

**ARTICLE 3.**—Accepted.

**ARTICLE 4.**—The Rev. Mr. Hanson offered as an amendment after the word "Diocese," in this article—the words "or who may have been disqualified by ill health for the exercise of the duties of their office, or are employed in incorporated Seminaries of Learning within the State; both of whom shall be in ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese;"—which amendment was, after much argument, rejected, and the article accepted as it stands in the Report.

**ARTICLE 5.**—Accepted.

**ARTICLE 6.**—Mr. A. B. Winn, offered as an amendment, to strike out the word "suitable"—the question was decided in the negative.

Rev. Mr. Hanson offered as an amendment to strike out the words "two thirds" wherever they occur in the Article, and insert the words "a majority," in lieu thereof—which amendment was decided in the affirmative.

**ARTICLE 7.**—Accepted.

**ARTICLE 8.**—Accepted.

**ARTICLE 9.**—Accepted.

**ARTICLE 10.**—Accepted.

Mr. Jones asked and obtained leave to absent himself for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Labuzan asked and obtained leave to absent himself during the morning session.

Mr. Fowler asked and obtained leave to absent himself during the morning session.

On motion of the Rev. the President, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz :

*Resolved*, That this Diocese, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Bishop of Connecticut, be no longer under his Episcopal supervision, and that the invitation which was extended to him to exercise Episcopal authority in this Diocese, is hereby revoked.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Right Rev. Bishop Bronnell, for the Episcopal services which he has rendered this Diocese.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary inform him of the above resolutions.

*Resolved*, That in accordance with the second section of the third Canon of 1838, the Diocese of Alabama, be placed under the full Episcopal charge and authority of the Right Reverend Leonidas Polk, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, and that the Secretary inform him of this act, and request his acceptance of the same.

On motion,

The Convention adjourned to Wednesday morning, the 29th inst., at half past 9 o'clock.

**WEDNESDAY, 29th April.**

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, on Wednesday morning, 29th inst., at half past 9 o'clock.

A quorum being present, the business of the day commenced with prayers by the President.

The roll being called, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read, amended, and adopted.

The Report of the Standing Committee being first in order, was called up—they report as follows, viz :

"The Standing Committee, who were appointed a Committee by the last Convention to report upon sundry objects, present their report as follows:

- 1st With respect to the condition of the Bishop's fund, your committee believe that nothing has been done towards increasing the amount since the Summer of 1836, when an agent was appointed by the Trustees to procure contributions to the fund, the report of whose success will be found in the Journal of 1837. For the present condition of the fund, therefore, your committee must refer to the report which has been made to the Convention by the Trustees.
2. With respect to the resources of the Diocese for the support of a Bishop, your committee are of the opinion that they are abundant, and that it is only necessary to use some efficient means in order to elicit them. What these means shall be, they are at a loss to determine. They feel prepared, however, to suggest a plan of this kind; let the Convention appoint an agent or agents, whose duty it shall be to visit every Parish, and every Churchman, whom he or they may hear of in this Diocese, and solicit contributions, the principal of which may be paid at the pleasure of the contributor; provided he secures the annual payment of the interest on the amount subscribed. In this way the fund may be made available immediately, and they believe a much larger amount would be subscribed, than would be, if the payments of the principal should be required in a specified time.
- 3.—With respect to the expediency of electing a Bishop, it is unnecessary that your committee say any thing, as the Convention have already decided that it cannot canonically elect one at this time.
- 4.—With respect to the expediency of establishing an Episcopal High School in this Diocese, your committee feel deeply the necessity of such an institution, but they fear that it would not be feasible to attempt the establishment of such a school, especially in the present embarrassed state of the country, until the Diocese is fully organized, with an Episcopal fund of its own.

SAMUEL S. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN.

On motion of Mr. Richard Maynard, it was,

*Resolved*, That a vacancy exists in the number of the Trustees of the Bishop's fund, in consequence of the removal from the State of George Starr, Esq., and that the Chair be authorized to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy.

In pursuance of the above resolution, the Chair appointed Doctor Richard Maynard to fill the vacancy.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hanson, it was,

*Resolved*, That this Convention considers it necessary that an agent or agents should be appointed to attend to the collection of subscriptions to the Bishop's fund, and that such agent or agents be required to account periodically with the Trustees of the fund—that he or they be instructed to visit every Parish, and if possible, every Churchman within this Diocese—and that the meeting now go into an election of such agent or agents.

The Rev. Mr. Sawyer offered as an amendment to the above resolution, that the words "the minister of each Parish be considered an agent of the Bishops' fund," be inserted after the words "and that"—which, upon taking the question was lost

The Rev. Mr. Lewis, being put in nomination, declined, in consequence of his inability to leave his Parish for any purpose, except that of having his health reinstated, should he unfortunately require it.

The mover then proposed that the resolution should be so amended as to read thus :

**Resolved,** That the Rev. Mr. Lewis be appointed by this Convention an Agent to solicit contributions in aid of the Episcopal Fund, and in the event of its being inconvenient for him to act, that the Standing Committee have authority to appoint a substitute."

The Rev. Mr. Lewis was therefore unanimously elected the Agent to solicit contributions in aid of the Bishop's Fund, in this Diocese.

On motion of Mr. R. P. McCord it was,

**Resolved,** That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be directed to sell the land in Baldwin county as soon as practicable, and invest the proceeds in State stock, or loan out as above, all sums which may be collected in aid of said fund—also the annual interest as it may accrue.

On motion of Mr. Richard Maynard, it was,

**Resolved,** That whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Board of Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, by death, resignation, or permanent removal from the State, of any one of the members, the remaining trustees shall be entitled to fill such vacancy, provided the chairman of the Standing Committee approve of the nomination.

On motion of Mr. R. P. McCord, it was,

**Resolved,** That the Treasurer of this Convention be directed to call on the Lay Delegates of this Convention for their assessment of their respective Parishes, and where no delegates are in attendance, to write to the Vestries of the absent Churches, requiring payment thereof.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution, the Treasurer demanded from the several delegates present, the amount of their respective assessments, when the following amounts were received, viz :

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PRAIRIES—paid.....	\$10 00
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDER—paid.....	10 00
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'—paid.....	15 00

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Sawyer, it was

**Resolved,** That the following become an amendment, and be appended to the tenth Canon of the Canons of this Church, viz :

" And that no Parish or Church be entitled to a representation by a Lay Delegation, until any assessment made by the Convention shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Convention."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Knapp, it was

**Resolved,** That the Ministers of the several Parishes in this Diocese be directed to take up a collection or collections, during the ensuing year, in aid of the fund for Domestic Missions in the United States, and that the committee be requested to apply such a portion thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of Bishop Polk in performing Episcopal Services in this Diocese.

On motion of Mr. R. P. McCord, it was

**Resolved,** That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Mobile for their hospitality and politeness to the members of this Convention.

The Chairman being requested to vacate the Chair, the Rev. Mr. Knapp was called to it,—when,

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Sawyer, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Samuel S. Lewis, for the able, faithful, and impartial manner in which he presided over its deliberations, and that the Secretary be instructed to inform him of this resolution.

The Rev. Mr. Lewis having returned to the Chair, the Secretary informed him of the foregoing resolution, passed during his absence, to which the Chairman responded in a few but appropriate remarks.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Knapp, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Secretary, for the satisfactory manner in which he performed his duty.

The Secretary returned thanks.

On motion of Mr. R. P. McCord, it was,

*Resolved*, That four hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed for the use of this Diocese.

No more business being before the Convention, the President gave out the 27th Hymn: after which the Session was closed by Prayer, and the Benediction by the President:—to meet on the *first Friday in May, 1841, in the City of Tuscaloosa.*

SAMUEL S. LEWIS, PRESIDENT.

J. B. NIXON, Secretary.

*[P] The subjoined Report was received by the Secretary at too late a period to be inserted in its proper place:*

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.

Although there some things to discourage, yet the present prospects of this Parish may be considered favorable. The Church edifice, notwithstanding the unparallelled pecuniary embarrassments of the times, has been, thus far, steadily progressing. And could the sum subscribed by the sale of pews, already made, be now realized, the building could be carried on to completion. But it is thought about \$1000 of the amount is at this time unavailable.

I spend each alternate Sunday at Cahawba, where our services are generally very well attended, but as yet, without any special favorable indication of their permanent establishment. I have, during the past year, administered the Sacrament of Baptism to two adults, and seven infants—five have been added to the communion, and four sealed their baptismal vows in the Holy rite of Confirmation, on the occasion of the late visitation of our beloved Bishop.

LUCIEN B. WRIGHT,

Rector of St. Paul's Church, Selma,  
and officiating Minister of St. Luke's Church, Cahawba.

# APPENDIX—A.

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THE  
CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
IN THE  
STATE OF ALABAMA,  
WITH THE  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

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AS IT IS WRITTEN.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

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CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
IN THE  
STATE OF ALABAMA.  
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*Be it Resolved*, That the following Constitution be agreed to, and adopted by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Alabama:

ART. 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority of, and recognizes, and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be an annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall have been designated by the next preceding Convention.

ART. 3. The Bishop shall have power to call Special Conventions when he may judge it conducive to the good of

*The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity, the advantages of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution.*

ART. 3. The Bishop, or if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power, when it appears requisite

the Church; or where applied to for that purpose by the Standing Committee.

ART. 4. The Convention shall be composed of all Ministers of this Church, in regular standing, who may at stated periods minister to any congregation or congregations within this State, or who may be engaged as Professors or Teachers, in any College, Academy, or School, (whether incorporated or not) within the State, and of Lay Members, consisting of Delegates from each congregation.

ART. 5. In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body; and in voting, the Clergy shall vote by individuals, and the Laity by congregations; and a majority of votes of the two orders jointly, shall be decisive; but if, in any case, it be required by five votes, the two orders shall vote separately, in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In the case of electing a Bishop, the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode last prescribed.

ART. 6. No Minister shall be entitled to vote in the election of a Bishop, who shall not have resided within the State at least twelve months next preceding the time of such election.

ART. 7. The Bishop of the Church in this State shall be *ex officio* President of the Convention; and in case of his absence, or if there be no Bishop, a President *pro tempore* shall be elected from among the clerical members present. A

for the good of the Church, to call a Special Convention by a circular letter to the several Churches. There shall not be less than eight weeks' notice previous to the day appointed, and such meeting shall be holden where the authority calling it shall determine; and at such Special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

ART. 4. The convention shall be composed of all Ministers of this Church in regular standing, who may at stated times, officiate in any congregation in this Diocese, and of Lay members, consisting of a delegation from each Parish.

ART. 5. In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body; and in voting, the Clergy shall vote by individuals, and the Laity by congregations; and a majority of the votes of the two orders, jointly, shall be decisive; but if in any case it be required by any two Clergymen, or by the delegation of any two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order, shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In case of electing a Bishop, the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode last prescribed.

ART. 6. The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in Convention. The election shall be conducted as follows: The Clergy shall vote by ballot for some suitable person for the office of Bishop, and in the primary election, six Presbyters shall be present in Convention, who shall have been in ecclesiastical connection with the Diocese, at least twelve months prior to the election, and shall have officiated in some Parish or Parishes, who is, or are, in union with this Convention, during the said time; and in all elections thereafter, a majority of the Clergy of the Diocese shall be required to determine the choice. The nomination then made shall be communicated to the lay members, who shall proceed to vote by ballot, whether to receive or reject it, a majority of whom shall be necessary to confirm the election.

ART. 6. The Bishop of the Church in this State shall be *ex officio* President of the convention, and in case of his absence or if there be no Bishop, a president, *pro tempore*, shall be elected from among the clerical members present. A Secretary,

Secretary, who shall be *ex officio* Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, who shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings, and also a correct account of all monies he may receive, to be annually submitted to the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give due notice of the time and place of meeting, of every Convention.

ART. 8. The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three Clergymen and three Laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the constitution and canons of the General Convention. Vacancies in the committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.—Two clerical members, and one Lay member of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 9. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, and a sermon; and the Preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop of the Diocese, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 10. A proposition to alter this Constitution must be made in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the Convention. It shall then lie over to the next Convention, and then, if approved by a majority of the two orders of Clergy and Laity, (voting separately) the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution.

who shall also be *ex officio* Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, who shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings, and also a correct account of all monies he may receive, to be annually submitted to the convention. It shall also be his duty to give a written notice to every clergyman and parish in the Diocese, of the time and place of meeting of every convention.

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## APPENDIX—B.

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### CANONS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

STATE OF ALABAMA.

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**CANON 10.** Of the forming a Church or Parish.

No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Dio-

Secretary, who shall be *ex officio* Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, who shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings, and also a correct account of all monies he may receive, to be annually submitted to the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give due notice of the time and place of meeting, of every Convention.

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ART. 9. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, and a sermon; and the Preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop of the Diocese, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 10. A proposition to alter this Constitution must be made in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the Convention. It shall then lie over to the next Convention, and then, if approved by a majority of the two orders of Clergy and Laity, (voting separately) the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution.

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## APPENDIX—B.

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### CANONS

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IN THE

STATE OF ALABAMA.

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these, unless the articles of association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to this Convention, by a Clerical or Lay member thereof. *"And that no Parish or Church be entitled to a Lay delegation, until any assessment made by the Convention shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Convention."*

**CANON 11.—Of Presentments.**

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Diocese for misbehavior, shall be on presentment made to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the clerical members of the standing committee, signed by two thirds of the whole Vestry of any Church, of which the accused is, or has been a Minister, or by any two Presbyters of the Diocese, or by the Convention of the Diocese.

**CANON 12.—Of the Trial of a Clergyman.**

For the trial of every Clergyman, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall appoint six Presbyters, if there are six in the Diocese, and if there be not six in the Diocese, then any number more than three, for trying the accused person; from which number, the accused person shall choose three, who shall be constituted a board for the trial of the accused person.

The Bishop, or Clerical members aforesaid, shall fix the time and place of trial, of which at least a month's notice shall be given to the person accused, and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The board thus constituted, shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote of the Board shall be necessary to conviction. Having come to a decision, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop or Clerical members aforesaid; and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final, and should there be no Bishop of the Diocese, the Clerical members, shall submit the record, decision and proposed sentence, to some convenient Bishop, whose judgment in the case shall be final.

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**HELD IN CHRIST CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF TUSKALOOSA,**

**ON FRIDAY, MAY 7, AND SATURDAY, MAY 8,**

**A. D. 1841.**

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**TO WHICH IS PREFIXED,**

**A LIST OF THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE.**

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LIST OF THE CLERGY  
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DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,  
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THE CONVENTION.

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The Rev. THOMAS A. COOK,  
*Rector of Trinity Church, La Fayette; and Missionary.*

The Rev. F. R. HANSON,  
*Rector of St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene County.*

The Rev. R. G. HAYS, (*Deacon*),  
*Teaching in Dallas County.*

The Rev. WILLIAM JOHNSON,  
*Rector of St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.*

The Rev. N. P. KNAPP,  
*Rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.*

The Rev. F. B. LEE, (*Deacon*),  
*Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carrollville; and Missionary.*

The Rev. S. S. LEWIS,  
*Rector of Christ Church, Mobile.*

The Rev. J. E. SAWYER,  
*Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensborough; and Missionary.*

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT,  
*Rector of St. James's Church, Livingston; and Missionary.*

The Rev. LUCIEN B. WRIGHT,  
*Rector of St. Paul's Church, Selma; and Missionary.*

The Rev. JAMES YOUNG,  
*Rector of Trinity Church, Florence, and St. John's Church, Tuscumbia; and Missionary.*

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The following Clergymen are in ecclesiastical connexion  
with the Diocese :

The Rev. CALEB S. IVES,  
*Rector of Christ Church, Matagorda, Texas; and Missionary.*

The Rev. ANDREW MATTHEWS, —

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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TUSKALOOSA, MAY 7, 1841.

This being the day appointed by a Resolution of the last Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, for the next annual meeting of the same, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M. in Christ Church in the City of Tuska-  
loosa, the same having been appointed as the place of meeting.

The Convention having been called to order, the Rev. N. P. KNAPP was requested to take the Chair, and Mr. J. B. NIXON was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*. The Secretary then proceeded to call the names of such Clergymen as were entitled to seats in the Convention, when the following gentlemen were found to be present, and took their seats as members, viz: Rev. F. R. Hanson, William Johnson, S. S. Lewis, N. P. Knapp, J. E. Sawyer, J. J. Scott, and James Young.

The following gentlemen presented Certificates of their respective appointments as Lay-Delegates, and took their seats accordingly:

<i>Christ Church, Tuska-loosa, .....</i>	E. W. PECK,
	C. M. FOSTER,
	L. S. SKINNER,
	H. A. SNOW,
	F. A. P. BARNARD.
<i>Christ Church, Mobile, .....</i>	R. MAYNARD,
	J. B. NIXON.
<i>St. John's Church in the Prairies, Greene County, ....</i>	A. B. WINN.
<i>St. Paul's Church, Greensborough, .....</i>	E. G. BENNERS.
<i>St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, .....</i>	Dr. W. H. D. HALL.
<i>St. James' Church, Livingston, ..</i>	H. R. THORNTON,
	Dr. A. M. GARBER.

A constitutional quorum being present, the Convention was declared duly organized. It then proceeded to the election of officers by ballot, when Rev. S. S. LEWIS was elected President, and Rev. N. P. KNAPP, Secretary.

The President having taken the Chair, the Convention adopted the following

#### RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1.** The business of the first day of the session of every Convention shall be introduced by the morning service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

**RULE 2.** The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First. The appointment of a President, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary, *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation; when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them, and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

**RULE 3.** The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent. 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on the state of the Church—the Committee on Finance—the Committee on Unfinished Business. 5. The annual address of the Bishop, if there be one, and he be present. 6. The annual communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 7. The reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instruction to report to this Convention. 8. The reading of the Parochial reports. 9. The election of the standing committee of the Dio-

cess, by ballot. 10. The election of delegates to the General Convention, by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

**RULE 4.** When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

**RULE 5.** When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter before the Convention.

**RULE 6.** No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave from the President, or be unable to attend.

**RULE 7.** No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Convention.

**RULE 8.** A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move for a re-consideration of the said vote.

**RULE 9.** No motion shall be debated, or be considered as before the Convention, (except a motion to adjourn,) unless seconded, and reduced to writing by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

**RULE 10.** When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

**RULE 11.** A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

**RULE 12.** Every member who shall be present, when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

A recess was then declared for the celebration of Divine Service. Morning Prayer was read by Rev. J. J. SCOTT, assisted by Rev. JAMES YOUNG, who read the Lessons; and a Sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. SAWYER.

After Service, the following Standing Committees were appointed by the President, viz :

*On the State of the Church.*—Rev. Messrs. SAWYER, SCOTT and HANSON.

*On Finance.*—Messrs. E. W. PECK J. B. NIXON, H. R. THORNTON. E. G. BENNERS, W. H. D. HALL. and A. B. WINN.

*On Unfinished Business.*—Rev. F. R. HANSON and R. MAYNARD.

The amendments to the Constitution, proposed at the last Convention, and approved by the constitutional majority, were taken up for final consideration; and, after much discussion upon the sixth article, were fully ratified by the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned until half past three o'clock.

#### FRIDAY EVENING, (*half past 3 o'clock.*)

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Canons, appointed at the last Convention, reported that they had prepared a New Code of Canons, which they begged leave to submit to the Convention, They were read by the Secretary, and

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That they be published with the Journal as PROPOSED CANONS, to be acted upon at the next Convention.—(SEE APPENDIX.)

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of forming a Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, made the following

#### REPORT :

The Committee to whom was referred a resolution of the last Convention, in reference to the formation of a Society for the

relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of this Diocese, beg leave to Report ;—That having had the same under consideration, they recommend to the Convention the adoption of the annexed Resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention is of opinion that such a Society as that contemplated by the resolution of the last Convention, is of great importance to the prosperity of this Diocese: but that while weightier subjects, involving spiritual interests, are before us, it is thought inexpedient to take this in hand.

2. *Resolved*, That this Convention, fully impressed with the importance of providing some permanent means of relief for the families of the less favored deceased Clergy, whose lot may be cast among us—having neither temporal inheritance nor dependance—recommend to the clergy and Laity of the diocese at large, the immediate formation of a voluntary association which may answer this end.

On motion, the Report was accepted, and the annexed resolutions were adopted.

The Secretary of the last Convention, J. B. NIXON, Esq. presented the following

#### REPORT:

That, by order of the Convention at its last annual session, he communicated certain resolutions of the Convention to the Rt. Rev. THOMAS C. BROWNELL, D. D., Bishop of Connecticut, and the Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, whose respective answers to his communications he begged leave to submit to the Convention.

On motion, his Report was accepted, and the following letters were ordered to be spread on the Journal.

To JOHN B. NIXON, Esq. *Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama.*

DEAR SIR :—I have received, through you, the Resolutions of the Convention, held at Mobile, in April last—releasing me, at my request, from the Episcopal charge of the Diocese, and thanking me for the small amount of services which I have been able to render it.

I beg you to assure the Convention of the gratification I have received from my intercourse with the Diocese, and of my earnest prayer to the Great Head of the Church for its prosperity and spiritual welfare.

THO'S. C. BROWNELL,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.*

Hartford, June 4, 1840.

*Columbia, Tenn. June 17, 1840.*

To Jno. B. Nixon, Esq.

DEAR SIR ;—Your communication, covering a resolution of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, by which that Diocese is placed under my "full Episcopal charge and authority," with the accompanying invitation to accept the same, has been received.

I duly appreciate the feelings which have prompted the passage of this resolution—and accept the charge, with the earnest prayer that the Great Head of the Church may bless the connexion, to the promotion of his own glory, and the good of his people.

With kind regards to yourself personally, and the Convention you represent,

I remain, Dear Sir,

Respectfully, your ob't serv't,

LEONIDAS POLK.

The Rev. JAMES YOUNG presented the following Articles of Association of Trinity Church, Florence, and requested that said Church might be admitted into union with this Convention.

#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

#### OF TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE, ALABAMA.

Whereas, we the undersigned persons, together with others, have associated together for the purpose of forming and establishing a Church in which the worship of God shall be conducted according to the faith and discipline of the Prot. Epis. Church of the U. S. of America, and have for that purpose formed a congregation at Florence, in the State of Alabama—and now, this April 17th, 1840, worshipping in Florence, we do hereby declare the following to be the objects, articles, and conditions of our Association.

ARTICLE 1. The name of the Association shall be the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church.

ART. 2. This Church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to the Prot. Epis. Church in the State of Ala. and the Prot. Epis. Church in the U. S. of America: As such it accedes to, recognises and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Prot. Epis. Church in the State of Ala. and of the Prot. Epis. Church in the U. S. of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ART. 3. Any member of this Church or association, who shall disclaim, or refuse conformity to the said authority, shall cease to be a member of this association, and shall not be elected, or vote in the election of Vestrymen; or exercise



any office or function in, concerning, or connected with the said Church or Association.

ART. 4. The rents and revenues of this Association shall be (from time to time) applied to the maintenance and support of the Rector, Ministers and officers of the said Church, Church and Church Yard, and Parsonage house and other houses, which now do or may belong to the said Association, and to no other purposes whatever.

ART. 5. The said Association, or Church, or Trustees in whose name their property shall be vested, shall not by deed, or by any other means, without the consent of the Bishop of the Prot. Epis. Church in whose Diocese this Church shall, for the time canonically be, under his hand—or (in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office,) of the standing committee of the said Diocese, by a major number thereof, under their hands, previously had and obtained—grant, alien, or otherwise dispose of, any lands, messuages, tenements or hereditaments in them vested for the use and benefit of the said Church or congregation; nor charge nor encumber the same to any person whomsoever.

ART. 6. The Rector of this Church shall be elected by the Wardens and Vestrymen in open meeting duly convened for that purpose. The Vestry of this Church shall consist of not less than two, nor more than seven persons, members of the said Church, or attendants upon her services, who shall continue in office one year, and until others be chosen; and the election of said Vestrymen shall be made annually, on Easter Monday, by a majority of such persons, worshippers in the said Church, and not disqualified under the second of these articles,—as shall appear by the Vestry books to have paid for two successive years immediately preceding the time of the election, the full rent of a pew in the said Church: *Provided*, That until the expiration of two years from the Easter Monday next after the opening of the said Church edifice for regular worship, any worshippers in the said congregation, who shall have contributed and paid any sum to the support of the Rector or Minister thereof and not disqualified as above, shall be entitled to vote at the election; and if the election of Vestrymen be not effected on Easter Monday, it may take place on any subsequent day; notice to that effect being given publicly to the congregation on the Sunday immediately preceding the same.

ART. 7. No person shall be Rector, or Minister or Assistant Minister of this Church, or allowed to execute any of the functions of the same, unless he shall be recognized by the Bishop in whose Diocese this Church shall canonically be; or, if there be no Bishop, by the standing committee of the Prot. Epis. Church in the State of Alabama, as a Minister of the Prot. Epis. Church in good standing. And this Church shall not be used for any other purpose than the celebration of

Divine Worship according to the usages of the Prot. Epis. Church, by a Minister thereof.

**ART. 8.** The said Vestry shall have power to elect two Church Wardens, and such other officers as may be required by the Canons of the Prot. Epis. Church in the U. S. of America, or by the constitution and Canons of the said Church in Ala. or shall seem to them to be necessary—they shall exercise all other powers customarily belonging to their office, and in case of a vacancy in the Rectorship, shall exercise all the powers, by these articles vested in the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen: *Provided always*, That it shall be the duty of the said Wardens and Vestrymen to elect another Rector to supply such vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

**ART. 9.** In case of the dissolution of this Association for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements, and other estate, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Prot. Epis. Church, in whose Diocese this Church may, at the time, be, and his canonical successors; to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future congregation of members of the Prot. Epis. Church, which may be formed in the same vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present congregation and this Association.

JAMES YOUNG.

R. H. MADRA, Secretary.

On motion, the foregoing Articles were accepted, and the said Church was admitted into union with this Convention.

The Parochial Reports were then called for, and read by the Clergy in alphabetical order.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IN THE PRAIRIES, GREENE COUNTY.

The Rector of this Parish reports, that Divine Service has been performed in the Parish Church, nearly every Sunday since the last annual Convention; and there appears to have been a gradual improvement in both the spiritual and temporal interests of the Parish. Two have been added to the communion of the Church—making the present number of communicants, including colored persons, eighteen.

Baptisms—Adult, 1—Infants, 11, .....	12
Marriages, (colored persons,) .....	2
Funeral, .....	1
Communicants, (added 2,).....	18

F. R. HANSON, Rector.

May 3d, 1841.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH. LOWNDES COUNTY.

There is no material change in the state or prospects of this congregation, since the last Report to the Convention. Those who are attached to the Church are as firmly so as they were; and those who are still without, are as indifferent as ever.

The following is extracted from the Parish register.

Baptisms, (2 colored,) ..... 9 Adults.

" (1 " ) ..... 7 Infants.

Total, ..... 16

Communicants, (3 colored,) ..... 8

Burial, ..... 1

Service has been performed every Sunday, except a few, when sickness prevented. The Communion has been administered on the first Sunday of each month.

WM. JOHNSON, *Rector*.

## CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.

Baptisms—(Adults, none.)—Infants, ..... 8

Marriages, ..... 1

Funerals, ..... 5

Communicants, (added 6—removed 4,) ..... 22

Confirmations, ..... None.

Sunday School—Pupils, ..... 25

" " Teachers, ..... 5

Collection for Domestic Missions, ..... \$20 75

Collections for Charitable purposes, ..... 95 05

The condition of the Parish has not undergone much change during the past year. It continues to be prosperous and encouraging. Though yet small, it is increasing in numerical strength, in liberality, and, it is believed, in attachment to the doctrines and worship of the Church.

The Minister has held regular services, and preached twice on Sundays throughout the year; and once on Christmas and Good Friday, having been absent on Ash Wednesday. Extra services were held on Wednesdays and Fridays during the season of Lent, and every day but Saturday in Passion Week.—

There are several candidates for confirmation, waiting a visitation of the Bishop in charge of the Diocese.

N. P. KNAPP, *Rector*.

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CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

When the Minister of this Church casts his thoughts back six years, and recollects that *then* there were but twenty-eight communicants, and that the congregation could *then* be held in a house not half the size of the present beautiful edifice, which they have recently erected, with a liberality that never tires—and which the constantly increasing number of worshippers demanded,—he feels impelled to raise his heart in gratitude to the Supreme Head of the Church for the “great things” which He has done for them.

The new Church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—by the Right Reverend LEONIDAS POLK, D. D. provisional Bishop of the Diocese, on the second Sunday in Lent. The holy rite of Confirmation was also administered to seventeen persons, one of whom belonged to another Parish. There, probably, would have been as many more candidates for that solemn rite, if the Bishop had not arrived nearly a month earlier than he was expected.

There are, at this time, two flourishing Sunday Schools connected with the Parish; one of which is held in the Parish Church, in the morning; the other in the afternoon, in a hired room in the upper part of the City.

The exercises of the colored School, which had been suspended during the winter, were commenced again, a few Sundays ago, under very favorable auspices.

During the past winter, the Church has been furnished with a large and elegant Organ, at a cost of about three thousand dollars; more than half of which was raised by private subscription; with Cushions for the Pews, and with Cushions and Hangings for the Desk and Pulpit. The Ladies of the Parish furnished the Desk with a beautiful Bible and Prayer Book.

In view of these great blessings, the Minister feels and acknowledges his gratitude to his people for the liberal and affec-

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tionate manner in which they have sustained him, and for the zeal which they have manifested in beautifying the House of the Lord ; and he would pray more earnestly than ever to the Lord of the Harvest, for the outpouring of the blessed Spirit of God, and for the increase of pure and Evangelical Religion ; never forgetting, “ in all our doings,” that, unless they be accompanied by the good Spirit of God, they will avail nothing ; but that, when they are so accompanied, they must prove mighty, through God, to the conversion and salvation of the Soul.

The following sums have been appropriated :

For Domestic Missions,.....	\$250
For Foreign Missions,.....	50
For the Sunday Schools, .....	325
For Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts,.....	50
For the Parish Library,.....	150
The Ladies' Sewing Society have contributed for } the purchase of books for the desk & for a Surplice }	90
	<hr/> \$915

The Statistics of the Parish are as follows :

Communicants, (died 3 ; removed 34 ; added 40)....	177
Baptisms—(adults 2 ; infants 38,).....	40
Persons confirmed,.....	17
Marriages, .....	29
Funerals, .....	24
Sunday School Teachers of School. No. 1—Male }	23
11—Female 13,.....	
Scholars registered—Males 89—Females 89,).....	170
Sunday School Teachers of School No. 2—Male 4 }	9
Female 5, .....	
Scholars registered—Male 25—Female 54;.....	79
The Sunday School Library contains 490 vols.	
The Parish Library contains about 300 vols.	

SAMUEL S. LEWIS.

Mobile, April 30, 1841.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBOROUGH.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensborough, Reports—that since the last Convention of the Diocese, he has celebrated seven Baptisms, two Marriages and three Burials. The present number of Communicants is about sixteen.

The Congregation has erected, during the past year, a substantial brick edifice for Public Worship, which reflects credit upon their taste and liberality. They have procured an Organ, and are steadily advancing towards the completion of those arrangements, which pious usage has appropriated to the worship of the Almighty in his visible Church.

The Rector finds in these things, cause for gratitude, hoping that the Great Head of the Church, will continue to watch over and bless His work.

J. E. SAWYER.

## ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

Baptisms, (infants,).....		3	
Confirmed, (by Bishop Polk, in Mobile,).....		1	
Funerals,.....		5	
Communicants,	} No. in last Report,.....	28	
		No. added,.....	3
		No. died and removed,.....	5
		Present No. ....	24
No. of Families, about.....		16	

REMARKS.—One of the deaths above reported, was that of an intelligent and pious young Church-man, who had for some time been a Vestry-man, and the Junior Warden of our Church.—He was also a Delegate to the last Convention, and while in Mobile, for that purpose, he was unexpectedly summoned home, to attend on a sick member of his family, who, I am happy to say, recovered; but he was suddenly removed from the communion of Saints on earth, to the society and fellowship of just men made perfect in Heaven. I believe that this (as well as other instances of death among us,) has been overruled, in an especial manner, for the benefit of the living.

The incumbent of this Parish, cannot refrain from recording in this Report, his gratitude to God, for whatever of success,

has attended his exertions in behalf of Christ and the Church. Building on "no man's foundation," but attempting to put up a new edifice, he is not discouraged that so little has, as yet been accomplished. Pursuing the figure, he can say, with some degree of confidence, that the materials are in active preparation for the future superstructure.

Amid some inconveniences, and not wholly without opposition, I have endeavored to inform the minds of the people as to the distinctive features of the Church, and preaching "Christ Crucified," to all who have attended on my ministry, I have good evidence that a few have become Church-men, and that others, who had already "chosen the better part," have become more firmly wedded to the Gospel in the Church.

It is due to the ladies of the congregation, as well as to others, who cheerfully assisted them, that I should here state, that, (after a preparation which they regret had not been longer,) on Tuesday of Easter-week, they had a Fair; the proceeds of which, \$414 12, they have deposited in the hands of our Treasurer, as an appropriation towards building a Church edifice. In this matter the Parishioners seem deeply interested, and I hope the result will be favorable.

J. J. SCOTT, *Rector.*

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TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE; & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.

I took charge of these young Parishes on the first day of December last, and have officiated regularly on alternate Sundays, at Florence and Tuscumbia.

In Florence there is a comfortable brick Church edifice, yet unfinished, however. The congregation is slowly increasing in number, and our general prospects with respect to the Church are decidedly improving.

The number of Communicants in this part of my charge is 11

Baptisms, infant, ..... 1

Burials. .... 1

At Tuscumbia, the same number of communicants as at Florence, appears on the Parish register.

The communion has been regularly administered on the 1st

Sunday of every month, except the last, when the absence of the Warden of St. John's Church, Tusculumbia, subjected us to disappointment.

Eleven dollars have been collected for domestic missions.

JAMES YOUNG, *Missionary*.

### REPORT

OF THE REV. CALEB S. IVES, *Missionary to Matagorda, Republic of Texas*.

I have labored regularly and uninterruptedly in the same field I occupied the last year, with the following exceptions.—On the first, second, and third Sundays in August, I was, from an attack of bilious fever, unable to officiate, and on the second Sunday in September, I was unable to do so from intermittent fever. On the fourth Sunday of August,—on the third of September—the first and fourth of October, I was, for the above causes, only able to read the morning service. On the first Sunday in May, and the second in October,—the room and seats—the use of which the Masonic Lodge of this place gratuitously affords us—were otherwise occupied; so that we had no services on those days. The first four Sundays in December, I was absent on a tour to our seat of government, where I went to regain the health and strength I had, by the above mentioned fevers, lost. During this tour, I preached twice in Austin—administered the communion—and also baptism to one adult, (a lady,) and to two infants; and on my return, I preached once in Bastrop.

On such of the Festivals and Fasts as it is customary to do so, and on the first Sunday in each month, I have administered the Holy Communion, except interrupted by the same causes which I have already mentioned, as preventing my officiating altogether.

We have now, by the favor of God, a Church almost completed; that is, almost ready for lath and plastering, which is as far as our means will allow us to go. The building is a plain, yet very respectable one—(of wood)—with Church room sufficient for the whole town, for the present. The ma-



terials were procured, and fitted for erection, in New-York, and shipped out to us. The Church has already cost us at least \$3,500, a third or more of which we have raised here among ourselves, and for the rest we are indebted to the munificence of our brethren in the United States. And here, I avail myself of the opportunity, of rendering, in the name of our Parish, our heart-felt gratitude to those, who have so generously aided us in this good work, and in our time of need.

We are daily looking for the arrival of Bishop POLK, from the United States, to consecrate the Church, to administer confirmation, and to do all other things needed to build us up in the faith of the Gospel. We have now, nine or ten ready for confirmation.

Baptisms, (adults,) 7; white children, 20; colored, 14; total, 41. One of the adults was baptized by immersion. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 6. Communicants, 12—besides 4 removed. Of these, 8 have been added the last year—5 new ones, and 3 by removals to the place. Sunday School Teachers, 9. Scholars, 38.

As is the case in all communities, there is here a lamentable deficiency in attending to the great concern of a preparation for death; yet I most devoutly thank God, that there is here and there one among us, who would be wise unto salvation, who comes out and devotes himself to God, and thus gives his influence in favor of the Gospel of Christ. We are, moreover, at amity with ourselves, notwithstanding occasional attempts to the contrary; and the whole community, with very few exceptions, are interested in the establishment and progress of the Church. Indeed, my heart glows with gratitude to God, in saying, that when the present state of things, as regards the Gospel and the Church of Christ, is compared with what it was when I came here, I consider this a bright spot.

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The following Report was received after the Convention had adjourned; and, by order of the President, was placed upon the Journal.

## REPORT OF TRINITY CHURCH, LA FAYETTE.

Baptism, (infant,) .....	1
Communicants, (in town, 6—country 2) .....	8
Funerals, (infants,) .....	2
Marriages, .....	2

Our Church has been gradually increasing through the course of the past year ; but such is the general gloom that hangs over all classes of society, that all financial aid—so necessary in an infant Parish—has been entirely cut off from us; and we have been laboring, with hope deferred, until we have almost given up all idea of seeing a comfortable Church erected for some years. This is the main point, (next to a calm, rational exposition of the Scriptures,) at which I have aimed. So far as to outward deportment, remarks have already been made, highly creditable to the Church. Surrounded as we are, by the grossest corruptions, it is extremely difficult to maintain the dignity, as well as the spirit of Christ's religion. Our present temporary Church is about a quarter of a mile from the town, and by no means as agreeable as we could desire; but we have reason to be thankful that, hitherto, the Lord hath helped us.

THOMAS A. COOK, *Rector*.

The Report of the Standing Committee being next in order, was presented by Rev. WM. JOHNSON, Secretary.

As the Standing Committee were unable to Report to the last Convention, on account of the absence of the Secretary, who had the papers, the present Report will embrace their proceedings since the report presented to the Convention of 1839.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee held in Selma, May 1839, the Rev. S. S. Lewis was appointed President, and the Rev. L. B. Wright, Secretary of said committee for the ensuing year.

At the same time and place, the Rev. L. B. Wright was appointed to preach the annual sermon before the convention, and the Rev. R. G. Hays his substitute.

Attest:

LUCIEN B. WRIGHT, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee held in Mobile, April 27th, 1840,

the Rev. S. S. Lewis was elected President, and the Rev. Wm. Johnson, Secretary of said committee.

Attest:

WM. JOHNSON, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee held at Mobile, April 29th, 1840, the Rev. Julian E. Sawyer was appointed to preach the annual sermon before the convention, and the Rev. N. P. Knapp his substitute.

Attest:

WM. JOHNSON, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held in St. Peter's Parish, Lowndes county, Sept. 17th, 1840, the Rev. J. J. Scott was appointed special agent to solicit contributions to the Bishop's fund, in the room of the Rev. S. S. Lewis, appointed by the Convention, who will not be able to perform the duty—the Convention having authorized the Committee, in such event, to supply his place.—The Committee also appointed each Parochial Clergyman an agent in his own Parish, to solicit contributions to the same object.

At the same time and place, was laid before the Standing Committee a letter from the Bishop of Tennessee to the President of the Committee, notifying him that he had displaced from the Ministry of the Church the Rev. John H. Norment, for causes not affecting his moral standing.

A letter was also laid before the Committee from the Bishop of New-Jersey, giving the canonical notice that he had displaced from the Ministry the Rev. John Purdue, M. D. a Deacon of the Diocese of New-Jersey.

The Committee at this time also forwarded their consent to the consecration of the Rev. Wm. R. Whittingham, D. D. as Bishop of Maryland; and the Rev. Stephen Elliott, D. D. as Bishop of Georgia.

Attest:

WM. JOHNSON, Secretary.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year. After several ballotings, the following gentlemen were elected, viz :

Rev. S. S. LEWIS,

" N. P. KNAPP,

" J. E. SAWYER,

Messrs. R. MAYNARD,

E. W. PECK,

A. B. WINN.

The Convention then elected, by ballot, the following Delegates to the General Convention, viz :

Rev. S. S. LEWIS,  
 " L. B. WRIGHT,  
 " N. P. KNAPP,  
 " J. J. SCOTT,  
 Messrs. R. MAYNARD,  
 M. J. CONLEY,  
 A. B. WINN,  
 A. C. JONES.

The Treasurer made the following Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

**THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA**, in account current with **JOHN B. NIXON**, Treasurer.

## DR.

1840, April 29.—To cash paid Rev. W. Johnson, per resolution of Convention,------(Voucher 1.)	\$36 00
" " 30. To cash paid Rev. F. R. Hanson, ---do.-----2,	15
" June 22. " " " Langdon & Barker, on acc. printing 400 copies of Journal of the Convention of 1840, -----3,	50 00
" July 9. " " " Christ Church, Mobile, balance charged by it, -----4,	49 25
" " 16. " " " Langdon & Barker's draft on me, favor Richard Maynard, on account printing Journal of Convention, -----5,	34 00
" Sept. 28. " " " Giles M. Mallett, late Treas. bal. due him,	5 50
" Dec. 31. " " " sundry postages,-----	2 19
" " " " for Stationary,-----	3 00
" Balance to new account,-----	10 06
	<hr/> \$205 00

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1840, April 25. By cash rec. from Parish Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, assessment 1839,-----	15 00
" " 27. " " " from Parish St. Peter's Church, Lowndes co, assessment, 1839,-----	\$10
" " " " from the same, 1840,-----	10
" " " " St. John's Ch. Prairies, ass. 1840, 10	
" " " " St. Paul's Ch. Greensboro' " 13 —	45 09
" June 15. " " " Christ " Tuscaloosa, " "	15 00
" July 9. " " " " " Mobile, " "	100 00
" " 17. " " " " St. James' " Livingston, " "	20 00
" Sept. 28. " " " " St. John's " Tusculmbia, 1839,-----	10 00
	<hr/> \$205 00

1841—By amount due the Diocese of Alabama, \$10 06.

Mobile, 7th May, 1841.

J. B. NIXON, Treasurer.

## ASSESSMENTS UNPAID.

*Year assessed.*

1838.	Parish St. Paul's Church, Greensborough,	assessed,	\$15
1839.	" St. John's " Montgomery,	"	10
	" St. Paul's " Greensborough,	"	15
	" Christ " Wetumpka,	"	10— 35
1840.	" St. John's " Montgomery,	"	10
	" St. Paul's " Selma,	"	10
	" do. " Carlowville,	"	10
	" Trinity " La Fayette,	"	10
	" Christ " Wetumpka,	"	10
	" St. Michael's " Marion,	"	10
	" Trinity " Demopolis,	"	10— 70

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 Total, \$120

J. B. NIXON, Treasurer.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the delinquent Parishes be released from the Assessments charged in the above account.

A motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, was lost.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three Clergy-men and two Lay-men be appointed, to inquire into the expediency of going into the election of a Bishop for this Diocese, at this Convention.

The President appointed the following Committee :

Rev. J. E. SAWYER,

" J. J. SCOTT;

" JAMES YOUNG,

Messrs. E. W. PECK,

A. B. WINN.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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 SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 8.

Convention met at 9 o'clock, After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on the State of the Church, through their Chairman, Rev. J. E. SAWYER, made the following Report :

**REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.**

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to Report to the Convention, that from an inspection of the Parochial Returns, which have been submitted to them, they have been induced to form a favorable estimate of the ecclesiastical affairs of the Diocese.

The Church seems steadily, though slowly increasing in temporal prosperity and spiritual holiness, which afford the best security for its permanent establishment. But while this cheering evidence is permitted us by a gracious God, the Committee are constrained to reiterate their laments, that we are yet without a Diocesan Bishop to guide and strengthen our efforts to promote the prosperity of our branch of God's Holy Catholic Church. This deficiency in our organization is an unhappy anomaly, which requires the Convention to put forth all its energies to remedy, as expeditiously as possible. We may then hope to see our beloved Zion extend her borders, and array herself in all the beauty and strength of majesty and true Holiness.

The following are the annual statistics of the Diocese :

Baptisms, .....	113
Confirmations, (in one Church) .....	17
Marriages, .....	34
Funerals, .....	53
Communicants, .....	291
Sunday Schools—Teachers, .....	39
“ “ Scholars, .....	312
Collection for Religious purposes, .....	\$1015 90

The Convention would farther express their strong sense of the necessity of a full representation of the Parishes of the Diocese in its Annual Convention; especially, at this time, while yet in its infancy, and when questions of permanent interest are likely to be presented for its action. This is a duty and privilege, which, as zealous Church-men, we should discharge with

promptitude and pleasure, although accompanied by inconvenience and personal sacrifice.

J. E. SAWYER, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, reported as follows :

**REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, have examined the same, and find it correct.

The only remaining duty to be discharged by the Committee is, to provide for the current expenses of the Diocese. To meet those expenses, your Committee would recommend the following assessments upon the different Churches in the Diocese ; which it is believed, will be amply sufficient for that purpose, to-wit :

Christ Church, Mobile, .....	\$50 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, ....	12 50
St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene co.	7 50
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', Greene co. ....	7 50
St. John's Church, Montgomery, .....	5 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis. ....	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma, .....	5 00
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, .....	5 00
Christ Church, Wetumpka, .....	5 00
Trinity Church, La Fayette, .....	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, .....	5 00
St. Michael's Church, Marion, .....	5 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, ...	5 00
St. James' Church, Livingston, .....	5 00
St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, .....	5 00
Christ Church, Hayneville, .....	5 00
Trinity Church, Florence, .....	5 00

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Making, ..... \$142 50

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. W. PECK, *Chairman*.

On motion, the above Report was accepted.

Rev. Mr. HANSON, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported verbally, that there was no unfinished business before the Convention.

Inquiry having been made respecting the agency for raising a fund for the support of a Bishop, Rev. Mr. SCOTT reported, that in pursuance of a resolution of the last Convention, he had been appointed the substitute of the Agent for collecting contributions to a Bishop's fund; and that on inquiry, it was not deemed expedient to attempt making collections for that purpose, in the present depressed state of the pecuniary resources of the Diocese.

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of electing a Bishop at the present Convention, were, on motion, permitted to retire and prepare their Report.

After a short recess, Rev. Mr. SAWYER, on behalf of said Committee, reported to the Convention, that they had come to the conclusion, though not with entire unanimity, that it was *inexpedient* to proceed to the election of a Bishop at this time.

A motion having been made and seconded, that the report be accepted, inquiry was made for the reasons which moved the majority of the Committee to this conclusion; when it appeared that there were two principal reasons which influenced their minds: first, the supposed want of canonical right to elect a Bishop at this Convention, on the ground that the 2d section of Canon 1 of the General Convention of 1838, could not be complied with. Second—the want of available means of supporting a Bishop at this time.

The Committee having expressed their opinions individually upon these points,—on motion, the Convention went into a committee of the whole, Rev. Mr. SAWYER in the chair. The whole subject having been fully discussed, the committee rose and reported progress; when it was found that they concurred in the Report of the Special Committee, viz: “that it is *inexpedient* to go into the election of a Bishop at the present Convention.

The question being put, the Report was accepted by the



Convention, voting by orders, in pursuance of a constitutional call for such vote.

On motion, the Convention adopted the following resolutions, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of each Parish in union with this Diocese, to report, through their Minister, if there be one officiating in the Parish, and if there be no Minister, then by the Vestry of said Parish, what sum they will severally pledge to the Convention for the support of a Bishop.

2. *Resolved*, That each Minister in this Diocese be required to report to the next Convention what sum may probably be realized by individual donations in his Parish, or elsewhere, for the same object.

The Convention then went into the election of two Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, when, on nomination, Rev. S. S. LEWIS and Hon. E. W. PECK were elected *viva voce*.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in the City of Mobile, on the third Thursday in February, 1842.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Tuscaloosa, for their hospitality and politeness extended to the members of the same.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cause 400 copies of the Journal of this Convention to be printed.

Rev. Mr. HANSON being called to the Chair, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the President and Secretary, for the faithful and impartial manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

After joining in prayer by the President, and receiving his benediction, the Convention adjourned, to meet in the City of Mobile, on the third Thursday in February, 1842.

S. S. LEWIS, President.

Attest, N. P. KNAPP, Secretary.



**THE CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.**

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The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity, the advantages of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this CONSTITUTION.

**ARTICLE 1.** This Church hereby accedes to the authority of, and recognises, and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

**ARTICLE 2.** There shall be an annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall have been designated by the next preceding Convention.

**ARTICLE 3.** The Bishop, or if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power, when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a Special Convention by a Circular Letter to the several Churches. There shall not be less than eight weeks' notice previous to the day appointed, and such meeting shall be holden where the authority calling it shall determine; and at such Special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

**ARTICLE 4.** The Convention shall be composed of all Ministers of this Church in regular standing, who may at stated times,

officiate in any Congregation in this Diocese, and of Lay members, consisting of a delegation from each Parish.

**ARTICLE 5.** In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body; and in voting, the Clergy shall vote by individuals, and the Laity by congregations: and a majority of the votes of the two orders, jointly, shall be decisive; but if in any case it be required by any two Clergymen, or by the delegation of any two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order, shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In case of electing a Bishop, the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode last prescribed.

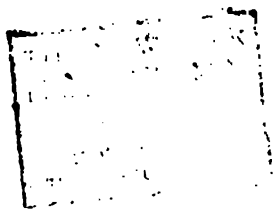
**ARTICLE 6.** The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in Convention. The election shall be conducted as follows: The Clergy shall vote by ballot for some suitable person for the office of Bishop, and in the primary election, six Presbyters shall be present in Convention, who shall have been in ecclesiastical connection with the Diocese, at least twelve months prior to the election, and shall have officiated in some Parish or Parishes, which is, or are, in union with this Convention, during the said time; and in all elections thereafter, a majority of the Clergy of the Diocese shall be required to determine the choice. The nomination then made shall be communicated to the lay members, who shall proceed to vote by ballot, whether to receive or reject it, a majority of whom shall be necessary to confirm the election.

**ARTICLE 7.** The Bishop of the Church in this State shall be *ex officio* President of the Convention, and in case of his absence, or if there be no Bishop, a President, *pro tempore*, shall be elected from among the clerical members present. A Secretary who shall also be *ex officio*, Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, who shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings, and also a correct account of all monies he may receive, to be annually submitted to the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give a written notice to every Clergyman and Parish in the Diocese, of the time and place of meeting of every Convention.

**ART. 8.** The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three Clergymen and three Laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. Vacancies in the Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members. Two Clerical members and one Lay member of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

**ART. 9.** Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, and a sermon; and the Preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop of the Diocese, by the Standing Committee.

**ART. 10.** A proposition to alter this Constitution, must be made in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the Convention. It shall then lie over to the next Convention, and then, if approved by a majority of the two orders of Clergy and Laity, (voting separately) the amendment shall become a part of the Constitution.



## PROPOSED CANONS.

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### CANON I.

#### *Of the Vestry of a Church.*

**SEC. 1.** In every Church of this Diocese, there shall be an annual election, on Easter Monday, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than five, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of these Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens; one of whom shall be designated by appointment, the Senior Warden of the Parish.

The Vestry shall elect a Secretary, whose duty shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings—attest the public acts of the Vestry—preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and documents belonging to the Parish that may be in his possession.

**SEC. 2.** In electing a Vestry, no person shall be entitled to vote, who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association; or who is not a holder or renter of one entire Pew; and when two or more persons shall hold or rent a Pew, they shall be entitled jointly to one vote. In those Parishes in which there are no Pews held or rented, no individual shall be entitled to vote who is not a contributor to the Church, to such an amount as the respective Parishes shall appoint.

**SEC. 3.** No person shall be elected a Vestry-man, who is not a Pew-holder, or a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected.

**SEC. 4.** It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church—to regulate all its temporal concerns—elect and call a Minister, and provide for his mainte-

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nance—to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine Worship—and in general, to act as helpers to the Minister, in whatever is appropriate to lay-men, for the furtherance of the Gospel ; it being understood always, that the *spiritual concerns* of the Church are under the exclusive direction of the Minister, in subordination to the ecclesiastical authority and laws of the Diocese.

It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially, to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper—to collect the alms at the administration for the same—to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister—and, while the Church is destitute of a Minister, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay-reading, as circumstances may permit.

(Parishes now incorporated, are excepted from any parts of this Canon interfering with their articles of association, or by-laws.)

## CANON II.

*Of admitting a Church or Parish into union with this Diocese.*

No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Diocese unless the Articles of Association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to the Convention by a clerical or lay-member thereof.

And no Parish or Church shall be entitled to a lay-delegation, until any assessment made by the Convention shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Convention.

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*Of a quorum in Convention.*

Three members of the clerical order, and a delegate, or delegates of the lay-order from four churches, shall, together, constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; but a smaller number may adjourn.

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*Of attendance on Convention, and requisites for the admission of Lay Delegates.*

It shall be the duty of all Clergymen entitled to seats in the



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##### *Of Delegates to the General Convention.*

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And it shall be the duty of the delegates elect, to make known to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Standing Committee, at least thirty days before the meeting of the General Convention, whether they will attend, or not, to the duties of their office.

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The regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, being deemed of great importance to the interests of the Church, is a duty, hereby enjoined, with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere : and it is recommended to the different Parishes in this Diocese to make provision for the expenses incurred by their respective Ministers in attending the Convention.

At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein, shall be called over, and the absentees noted.

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#### *A List to be made of the Ministers in the Diocese.*

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## CANON XII.

### *Of Parish Registers and Reports.*

**SEC. 1.** Every Clergyman of this Diocese shall keep a Register of all the Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals solemnized by him, or, in his Parish, by any other Episcopal Minister ; specifying the names, and times of birth of the children baptized, together with the names of the parents and sponsors ; the names of the adults baptized ; and also the witnesses of the baptism ; the names of those confirmed, and by whom ; the names of the parties married ; and of persons buried ; and also the time when each rite was performed.

This Register shall be kept by the Minister, in a book to be provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry of each Church ; which book shall be called the Parish Register, and shall be considered as a part of the Records of the Parish.

**SEC. 2.** In addition to the Register above named, the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure ; specifying the time when the former became communicants of the Church under his charge, and whether by removal from some other Parish, or otherwise.

**SEC. 3.** Every Minister of the Diocese shall, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop of the Diocese, (or, if there be no Bishop,) to the President of the Convention, a Statement of the number of Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, and Confirmations, within his cure, since the last Convention ; and also, of the

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He shall also forward to the Treasurer of the General Convention, on or before any meeting thereof, seventy-five cents for each Clergyman within this Diocese, according to the provision of the Canon for defraying the expenses of the General Convention—such sums to be charged to the Diocese, in his account as Treasurer of the Convention.

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### *Of receiving a Clergyman into a Parish or Church.*

The authority to receive any Clergyman into a Church or Congregation in this Diocese, shall be vested in the Vestry and Church Wardens, if there be any; otherwise, in the congregation which supports him, and receives the benefit of his ministry: *Provided*, That no Clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Church or Congregation in this Dio-

Vestry of any Church of which the accused is, or has been, a Minister, or by any two Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, or by a Board of Inquiry appointed as follows:

Whenever from public rumor or otherwise, the Bishop, (or the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop,) shall have reason to believe that any Clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his (or their) duty to appoint three persons, two of whom shall be Presbyters, to examine the case; and if there be, in the opinion of a majority of them, sufficient ground for presentment, they shall present the Clergyman accordingly.

Sec. 2. A presentment being made in any of the modes above-prescribed, the Bishop, or the Clerical Members aforesaid, if there be no Bishop,—may dismiss it, if the facts charged shall not appear to him (or them) to constitute an offence; or if it allege facts some of which do, and some of which do not, constitute an offence, he (or they) may allow it in part, and dismiss the residue, or may allow it to be amended.

When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop, (or the Clerical Members aforesaid) shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate six Presbyters (if there be six in the Diocese) and if there be not six in the Diocese, then any number more than three, who shall be entitled to seats in the Convention, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall within *thirty days* after such service, select three of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop, (or Clerical Members aforesaid;) and if he shall not give such notification within the said thirty days, the Bishop or Clerical Members aforesaid, shall select three: and in either case, the three selected Presbyters shall constitute a Board for the trial of the accused.

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A witness examined as aforesaid, may be sworn by the Commissioner.

**SEC. 9.** The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, in a writing signed by the *whole Board*, if the accused *be declared guilty*, or by a majority of them, if otherwise,—distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively; and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced.

A *copy* of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused, and also to the persons making the presentment. And the *original* decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, if there be one; who shall pronounce such canonical sentence, as shall appear to him to be proper; provided the same shall not exceed in severity, the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final.

If there be no Bishop, the said decision, with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, who shall submit the same to some convenient Bishop, whose judgment in the case, with the limitation aforesaid, shall be final.

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number of Communicants; specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other Churches, or otherwise, during the same time; and also of the number of Pupils and Teachers connected with the Sunday School; and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collections; together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish.

**SEC. 4.** In every case where a Parish is destitute of a Minister, the Register contemplated by this Canon, shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the Annual Parochial Reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or the President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish.

### CANON XIII.

#### *Of preparing a Report on the State of the Church.*

In conformity to the recommendation of the General Convention, (Canon VII. 1835,) a Committee of the Convention of this Diocese, shall be appointed at the regular meeting of the same, next before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to draft, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop (if there be one,) a Report of the State of the Church, to be presented to the General Convention.

### CANON XIV.

#### *Of the Trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.*

Whenever any Clergyman of this Diocese, (not being Bishop thereof,) shall become liable to presentment and trial, according to the provisions of any Canon of the General or Diocesan Convention, the mode of proceeding shall be as follows:

**SEC. 1.** The trial shall be on a presentment in writing, addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, (or to the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop,) specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances. Such presentment may be made by the majority of the whole

man or Layman as Commissioner to take the testimony of such witness; and the party so applying shall give to the other party, at least *six* days notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than *forty* miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every *twenty* miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness; and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissioner, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Board; and shall be received by them as evidence.

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The Bishop, or the Clerical Members aforesaid, shall appoint a suitable person to prosecute the case.

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No proposed alteration of, or addition to the Canons, shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice thereof be given in open Convention; nor, unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon by at least two Presbyters and two Laymen. Nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted, during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein; but in

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**CANON 7.** The officers of this Convention, and the deputies to the General Convention, shall continue in office, and exercise their respective functions for one year, and until another election take place.

**CANON 8.** The President of the Convention may make any motion which he shall judge conducive to the good of the Church, and may deliver his sentiments on any proposition before the Convention, but he shall not vote unless upon an equal division.

**CANON 9.** The approving or receiving any Clergyman into a Church or Congregation in this State, shall be vested in the Vestry of the Church, or the Vestry and Church Wardens, as the case may be, having authority so to do; and where there is no Vestry and Church Wardens, in the congregation which supports him, and receives the benefit of his ministry: *Provided*, that no Clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Church in this State, unless he first produce to the Vestry having such authority, or the Vestry and Church Wardens, as the case may be, a certificate from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, a certificate from the Standing Committee, that he has presented letters of orders, and testimonials of religious and moral conduct, as required by the Canons of the General Convention; and that his letters of orders and testimonials of religious and moral conduct, are by him, the Bishop, or by them, the Standing Committee, approved.

**CANON 10.** *Of the forming a Church or Parish.*—No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Diocese, unless the articles of Association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to this Convention, by a Clerical or Lay member thereof. *“And no Parish or Church shall be entitled to a Lay delegation, until any assessment made by the Convention shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Convention.”*

**CANON 11. Of Presentments.**—Every trial of a Clergyman in this Diocese for misbehavior, shall be, on presentment, made to the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, to the clerical members of the standing committee, signed by two-thirds of the whole Vestry of any Church, of which the accused is, or has been a Minister, or by any two Presbyters of the Diocese, or by the Convention of the Diocese.

**CANON 12. Of the trial of a Clergyman.**—For the trial of every Clergyman, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall appoint six Presbyters, (if there be six in the Diocese,) and if there be not six in the Diocese, then any number more than three, for trying the accused person; from which number, the accused person shall choose three, who shall be constituted a Board for the trial of the accused person.

The Bishop, or Clerical members aforesaid, shall fix the time and place of trial, of which at least a month's notice shall be given to the person accused, and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, shall examine fully the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate.—In all questions, a unanimous vote of the Board shall be necessary to conviction. Having come to a decision, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop or Clerical members aforesaid; and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final, and should there be no Bishop of the Diocese, the clerical members shall submit the record, decision and proposed sentence, to some convenient Bishop, whose judgment in the case shall be final.

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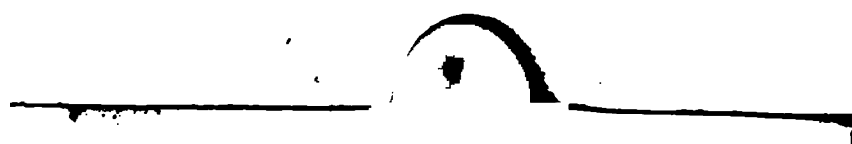
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The following Clergymen, entitled to seats, were not present at the  
Convention:

Rev. WM. JOHNSON,		Rev. JAMES YOUNG.
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LAY DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION,

St. John's Church in the Prairies, Greene county,	A. C. JONES,
" " " " " "	R. C. MACON.
" " " " " "	H. C. ROBERTSON,
" " " " " "	A. B. WINN.
St. Paul's Church, Greensborough,	J. HAYWOOD PARKER
" " " " " "	J. B. STICKNEY.
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,	PAUL LEE.
" " " " " "	R. P. McCORD.
Christ Church, Mobile,	GEO. CLEVELAND, JR.
" " " " " "	DAVID FILES.
" " " " " "	EDWARD HALL.
" " " " " "	R. MAYNARD.
" " " " " "	THO. W. MCCOY.
St. James' Church, Livingston,	L. DAY.
" " " " " "	H. R. THORNTON,
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,	F. A. P. BARNARD,
" " " " " "	A. P. PFISTER,

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## THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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MOBILE, THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 1842—10 o'clock, A. M.

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled at Christ Church. The Convention being called to order, Rev. F. R. HANSON was appointed President, pro tem., and Rev. N. P. KNAPP, Secretary, pro tem.

The names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, were then called over, when the following were found to be present, who took their seats accordingly : Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. N. P. KNAPP, Rev. S. S. LEWIS, Rev. J. E. SAWYER, Rev. J. J. SCOTT, Rev. L. B. WISE.

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of Lay Delegates, reported, that the following gentlemen had been duly elected Delegates from their respective Parishes :

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| From St. John's Church, in the Prairies, . . | F. W. DANCY,        |
| " " " " "                                    | A. C. JONES,        |
| " " " " "                                    | R. C. MACON,        |
| " " " " "                                    | H. C. ROBERTSON,    |
| " " " " "                                    | A. B. WINN.         |
| From St. Paul's Church, Greensborough, . .   | GEO. B. CLITHERALL, |
| " " " " "                                    | ISAAC CROOM,        |
| " " " " "                                    | J. HAYWOOD PARKER,  |
| " " " " "                                    | R. C. RANDOLPH,     |
| " " " " "                                    | J. B. STICKNEY.     |
| From St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county.     | THOMAS BROUGHTON,   |
| " " " " "                                    | Dr LEE,             |
| " " " " "                                    | R. P. McCORD.       |
| From Christ Church, Mobile, . . . . .        | GEO. CLEVELAND, jr. |
| " " " " "                                    | DAVID FILES,        |
| " " " " "                                    | EDWARD HALL,        |
| " " " " "                                    | R. MAYNARD,         |
| " " " " "                                    | THO'S W. MCCOY.     |
| From St. James' Church, Livingston, . . . .  | S. DAY,             |
| " " " " "                                    | A. GARBER,          |
| " " " " "                                    | W. H. GREEN,        |
| " " " " "                                    | H. R. THORNTON.     |

From Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	F. A. P. BARNARD,
" " " "	C. M. FOSTER,
" " " "	A. P. PFISTER,
" " " "	E. W. PECK,
" " " "	JOEL WHITE.

A constitutional quorum being present, the Convention proceeded to the election of a President and a Secretary, when, on counting the ballots, Rev. S. S. LEWIS was declared duly elected President, and the Rev. N. P. KNAPP, Secretary.

The President having taken the chair, the Secretary called the roll of the Lay Delegates, when the following persons answered to their names, and took their seats as Delegates from their respective Parishes, viz :

From St. John's Church, in the Prairies, ..	A. C. JONES,
" " " "	R. C. MACON,
" " " "	H. C. ROBERTSON,
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From St. James' Church, Livingston, ....	H. R. THORNTON,
" " " "	S. DAY.

From Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	F. A. P. BARNARD,
" " " "	A. P. PFISTER.

The Rules of Order, adopted at the last Convention, were then read by the Secretary ; and on motion, were adopted for the regulation of the proceedings of the present Convention, viz :

#### RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1.** The business of the first day of the session of every Convention shall be introduced by the morning service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him ; and that of each succeeding day, by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

**RULE 2.** The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—  
**First.** The appointment of a President, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary, pro tem. The Secretary shall then call, in alphabetical order, the names of the clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the churches entitled to representation ; when the delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a committee of three, who shall forth-

with examine them, and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

**RULE 3.** The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. the appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent. 2. the appointment of a secretary. 3. the consideration of the application of churches or parishes for admission into union with the convention. 4. the appointment, by the president, of standing committees, viz: the committee on the state of the church—the committee on finance—the committee on unfinished business. 5. the annual address of the bishop, if there be one, and he be present. 6. the annual communication of the standing committee of the diocese. 7. the reports of committees appointed at the last convention, with instruction to report to this convention. 8. the reading of the parochial reports. 9. the election of the standing committee of the diocese, by ballot. 10. the election of delegates to the general convention, by ballot. 11. reports to be called for. 12. miscellaneous business.

**RULE 4.** When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the president.

**RULE 5.** When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the matter before the convention.

**RULE 6.** No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the convention, unless he have leave from the president, or be unable to attend.

**RULE 7.** No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the convention.

**RULE 8.** A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two thirds of the convention: *Provided, however,* that any member of the convention voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move for a re-consideration of the said vote.

**RULE 9.** No motion shall be debated, or be considered as before the convention, (except a motion to adjourn,) unless seconded, and reduced to writing by the mover, and read by the secretary.

**RULE 10.** When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

**RULE 11.** A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

**RULE 12.** Every member who shall be present, when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the convention.

The President then presented a communication from Rev. Wm. JOHNSON; the debate upon which was cut off by a motion to adjourn, for divine service; which motion was carried; and the Convention accordingly adjourned for that purpose.

Divine service was then performed—Rev. Mr. WRIGHT reading the service, assisted by Rev. Mr. HANSON, who read the lessons. The ante-communion service was read by Rev. Mr. LEWIS, assisted by Rev.

Mr. SAWYER, who read the Collects and Epistle; and Rev. Mr. SCOTT, who read the Gospel.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. N. P. KNAPP, from 2 Cor. vi 3.

The holy communion was then administered by Rev. Mr. LEWIS, assisted by Rev. Mr. WRIGHT.

The Convention being called to order, the President appointed the following standing committees, viz:

*On the state of the Church*—Rev. Messrs. HANSON, WRIGHT, and SCOTT.

*On Finance*—Messrs. A. B. WINN, A. P. PRISTER, T. W. MCCOY, J. B. STICKNEY, R. P. McCORD, and H. R. THORNTON.

*On unfinished business*—Rev. Mr. SAWYER and R. MAYNARD.

On motion, it was then

*Resolved*, That to facilitate the election of the standing committee of the diocese, and delegates to the general convention, a committee be appointed by the president, whose duty it shall be to nominate to the convention suitable persons for those offices respectively.

The Rev. Mr. SAWYER, and Messrs. CLEVELAND and WINN were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The communication of Rev. Mr. JOHNSON, being called for, and read by the Secretary, was, on motion, laid on the table.

The report of the standing committee being next in order, was presented and read by the Secretary, who is also Secretary of that committee.

The standing committee of the Diocese of Alabama, make the following REPORT:

At a meeting of the standing committee held in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, on Saturday the 8th day of May A. D. 1841, all the members being present, Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS, was chosen President, and Rev. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP, was chosen Secretary.

At the same time, Rev. N. P. KNAPP was appointed preacher of the annual sermon before the next Convention, and Rev. F. R. HANSON was appointed his substitute.

Attest,

NATH: P. KNAPP, *Secretary*.

At a meeting of the standing committee, held at Tuscaloosa, on Tuesday, the 16th day of November, 1841—a quorum being present—JOHN L. GAY having produced the canonical testimonials, was recommended as a candidate for orders in this Diocese.

At the same time and place, it was resolved, that the Secretary be requested to inquire of Rt. Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, late Missionary Bishop, whether his election to the Bishoprick of Louisiana will make it inconvenient for him to continue his Episcopal supervision of this Diocese.

Signed,

J. E. SAWYER, *Chairman pro tem*.

Attest, NATH: P. KNAPP, *Secretary*.

The committee would further report, that on the ——— day of September, 1841, they received from Rt. Rev. JAMES H. OTEY, Bishop of Tennessee, official notice of the degradation of Rev. ALBERT A. MULLER, D. D. from the ministry.

From the minutes.

NATH: P. KNAPP, Secretary.

The Parochial reports having been called for, it was

*Resolved*, That the reading of them be postponed until to-morrow morning.

It was also

*Resolved*, That the reports required by a resolution of the last convention, from the clergy of the diocese, of the amount which their several parishes will pledge to the convention for the support of a bishop, be received to-morrow morning.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report what parts, if any, of the present constitution of the diocese conflict with the canons of the general convention; and also to report such amendments as they may deem necessary.

Rev. Mr. HANSON, Rev. Mr. SCOTT, Messrs. MAGON and MAYNARD, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 10 A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer by the President, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The parochial reports were then called for, and were read by the clergy in alphabetical order.

The reports of Rev. Messrs. JOHNSON and YOUNG, who were absent, were read by the Secretary.

For Parochial Reports, see APPENDIX.

The following parishes reported through their ministers respectively, that they would pay annually for the support of a Bishop, the sums set against their names, viz :

Christ Church, .....	Mobile, .....	\$600
St. Paul's Church, .....	Greensborough, .....	100
St. John's Church, .....	In the Prairies, .....	100
St. James' Church, .....	Livingston, .....	50
Trinity Church, .....	Florence, and } .....	
St. John's Church, .....	Tuscumbia, } .....	50
		<hr/> \$900

Rev. N. P. KNAPP, on behalf of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,

reported, that his Parish could pledge nothing, but that indi-

vidual donations, from persons belonging to the Parish,

might be expected, amounting to the sum of .....

100..

Making a total of .....\$1,000

Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, minister of St. Paul's Church, Selma, reported, that that Parish was unable to contribute any thing to the support of a Bishop.

He also stated, that from private information, he could assure the Convention that the vestry of St. John's church, Montgomery, would pledge themselves for \$1,000 annually, in aid of the Bishop's support, provided he would become the minister of that parish.

The parish of St. Peter's, Lowndes county, reported, through R. P. McCORN, one of their lay delegates, that they were unable to contribute any thing to the support of the Episcopate.

The committee appointed to enquire what parts, if any, of the present constitution of this Diocese conflict with the canons of the General Convention, and to report such amendments as they may deem necessary, reported verbally, that an amendment to the sixth article was expedient.

After some debate, on motion, the subject was re-committed, with instructions to report a substitute for said article.

The committee had leave to retire for that purpose.

The Secretary having need of assistance, by leave of the Convention, appointed DAVID FILES Assistant Secretary.

The proposed Canons were then taken up ; and, on motion, were considered by sections.

Canon I, was adopted, as proposed.

Canon II, " "

Canon III, " "

Canon IV, " "

Canon V, amended, by striking out all but the first paragraph.

Canon VI, adopted, with the following amendments, viz: the words "and the delegates to the General Convention" being stricken out, and the word "or" being substituted for "and" in the last line.

Canon VII, adopted.

Canon VIII, " "

Canon IX, " "

Canon X, " with the addition of the number of the Canons named in the second section.

Canons XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, and XVII, adopted.

The committee appointed, with instruction, to report a substitute for the sixth article of the Constitution, made their report, recommending the following, which was adopted, to be proposed to the next Convention,

ARTICLE VI. The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in Convention. The election shall be conducted as follows: the clergy shall vote by ballot, for some suitable person for the office of a Bishop; a majority of whom



shall be necessary to make a nomination: the nomination then made shall be communicated to the lay members, who shall proceed to vote by ballot, whether to receive or reject it; a majority of whom shall be necessary to confirm the election.

It was then, on motion,

Resolved, that a committee of three clergymen and two lay-men be appointed to inquire into the expediency of electing a Bishop for this Diocese at the present Convention.

Rev. Messrs. WRIGHT, HANSON and SAWYER, and Messrs. STICKNEY and MCCOY were appointed this committee.

Also, on motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to this Convention the present condition of the Episcopal fund of this Diocese.

Messrs CLEVELAND, THORNTON and MACON were appointed said committee.

THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE presented the following Report, which was read and referred to the committee on finance.

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THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA, in account with N. P. KNAPP, Treasurer.

DR.

1841, June 8. To M. D. J. Slade's bill, for printing 400 copies of Journal,.....	\$112 50
To amount paid Treasurer of General Convention, assessment of this Diocese, for defraying expenses of Convention,.....	9 00
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	\$121 50

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1841, May 8. By assessment of Christ Church, Mobile,.....	\$50 00
" " St. John's church, in the Prairies	7 50
" " St. Paul's church, Greensboro,'	7 50
" " St. Peter's church, Lowndes co.	5 00
" " Christ church, Tuscaloosa,....	12 50
1842, Jan'y. " " Trinity church, Lafayette, ...	5 00
" " Trinity church, Florence, ....	5 00
" " St. John's church, Montgomery	5 00
By balance of last year's account,.....	10 00
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	\$107 50
Balance due Treasurer,.....	14 00
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	\$121 50

## ASSESSMENTS UNPAID.

Christ church, .....	Wetumpka, .....	\$5 00
St. Paul's church, .....	Selma, .....	5 00
Trinity church, .....	Demopolis, .....	5 00
St. Paul's church, .....	Carlowville, .....	5 00
St. Michael's church, .....	Marion, .....	5 00
St. John's church, .....	Tuscumbia, .....	5 00
St. Luke's church, .....	Cahawba, .....	5 00
Christ church, .....	Hayneville, .....	5 00
		<hr/> \$40 00

N. P. KNAPP, Treasurer.

MOBILE, Feb. 17, 1842.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 10 A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer by the President, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee on the State of the Church, made the following REPORT:

The committee on the State of the Church, Report:

That they have examined the parochial reports submitted to them, and regret to observe from a comparison of these reports with those of the last year that the number of official acts reported by the clergy are less than those reported to the last Convention. This would seem to indicate a decline in the prosperity of the church. The committee however, believe that no material change has occurred in the condition of the Diocese, and would indulge the hope that the church is steadily advancing.

The following are the annual statistics of the diocese:

Baptisms,	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	79
Marriages,	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	20
Funerals,	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	32
Communicants,	{		White,	296	{		Whole number,			313
"	{		Colored,	17	{					
Sunday School Teachers,	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	32
Scholars,	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	198
Collections for religious purposes,	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	\$286 92

The committee were gratified to observe, from the reports, that the colored population have received some attention from our clergy, and they would earnestly recommend to this Convention the importance of devising some efficient means for their religious instruction. In the mean time they hope that the clergy will continue their individual exertions for this purpose, and avail themselves of such opportunities as may offer to preach the gospel to them.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. R. HANSON, Chairman.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the account of Mr. J. B. NIXON and Messrs. SHERMAN & BLOUNT, be referred to the finance committee.

The committee on nominations having asked and obtained further time,

On motion,

*Resolved*, that the Convention take a recess of thirty minutes.

Convention having been called to order, the committee above named nominated

Rev'ds S. S. LEWIS, N. P. KNAPP, J. J. SCOTT, and Messrs. E. W. PECK, J. MARTIN, and Dr. WILSON, for the standing committee of the Diocese. Rev. J. J. SCOTT declined the nomination.

The following were nominated as delegates to the General Convention, viz :

Rev'ds S. S. LEWIS, L. B. WRIGHT, J. YOUNG, J. J. SCOTT, and Messrs. GEO. CLEVELAND, jr., J. M. DAVENPORT, R. MAYNARD, C. T. POLLARD.

The Convention then proceeded to vote by ballot for a standing committee, when the following persons were declared duly elected, viz :

Rev'ds S. S. LEWIS, N. P. KNAPP, J. E. SAWYER, Messrs. E. W. PECK, A. B. WINN, and R. MAYNARD.

On motion,

*Resolved*, that the election of lay delegates to the General Convention, be dispensed with for the present.

The committee on finance had leave to retire for a few minutes, to prepare their report.

A motion having been made, that when this Convention shall adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Greensborough, on the first Thursday in May, 1843; to which an amendment was offered, proposing to strike out Greensborough, and insert Mobile,

It was, on motion,

*Resolved*, that this question be postponed till the report on the expediency of electing a Bishop shall have been received.

The committee on the expediency of electing a Bishop made the following REPORT, which was accepted, and the resolution recommended, was, on motion, adopted,

The committee appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of electing a Bishop at the present Convention, respectfully submit the following REPORT:

That they have brought to this question that careful consideration which, in view of the magnitude of the results involved in its decision, its importance demands.

Of the urgent necessity of a perfect organization of the Church in this Diocese, in order to the advancement of its best interests, this committee entertain not the shadow of a doubt; and presume none is entertained by this Convention.

The paramount question which your committee have felt it their duty seriously to consider, is, "Is this Convention prepared, and ought it now to pledge itself for a sum adequate to the support of the Episcopate?"

The committee, upon a careful examination of the present resources of the Diocese, are of the opinion, that by giving our Bishop the charge of a Parish, it could safely pledge itself for the sum of \$2,500, which is believed to be an adequate support.

They therefore recommend the adoption by the Convention of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to proceed to the election of a Bishop, at this Convention.

The committee on finance made the following REPORT; which was accepted.

The committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer have examined the same, and find it correct.

Your committee deem it expedient to continue the assessment of the Parishes in the Diocese the same as last year, to-wit :

Christ Church, .....	Mobile, .....	\$50
Christ Church, .....	Tuskaloosa, .....	12 50
St. Paul's Church, .....	Greensborough, .....	7 50
St. John's Church, .....	In the Prairies, .....	7 50
St. John's Church, .....	Montgomery, .....	5 00
Trinity Church, .....	Demopolis, .....	5 00
St. Paul's Church, .....	Selma, .....	5 00
St. Peter's Church, .....	Lowndes county, ....	5 00
Christ Church, .....	Wetumpka, .....	5 00
Trinity Church, .....	Lafayette, .....	5 00
St. Paul's Church, .....	Carlowville, .....	5 00
St. Michael's Church, .....	Marion, .....	5 00
St. John's Church, .....	Tuscumbia, .....	5 00
St. James' Church, .....	Livingston, .....	5 00
St. Luke's Church, .....	Cahawba, .....	5 00
Christ Church, .....	Hayneville, .....	5 00
Trinity Church, .....	Florence, .....	5 00
Making, .....		\$142 50

In conclusion, your committee respectfully state, that they cannot speak as being fully advised, in regard to the ability of this Diocese to make a suitable provision for the support of a Bishop, should the Convention determine to go into an election. They however, can say, that a few of the Parishes have pledged themselves for the sum of \$1000, and that the Parish of Montgomery will probably give \$1,000, (and per-

haps \$1,250,) provided the Bishop elect will become the Parish minister. Thus it will be seen, that the sum of \$2,000, or \$2,250 can be raised; and doubtless, any small balance that may be wanting, to make up the amount adequate to a suitable support, may be obtained from other contingent resources.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. B. WINN, Chairman.

Your committee would further report, that they deem it unnecessary to alter the assessments of the different Parishes, on account of the bills referred to them this morning, believing that the amount will be sufficient to meet the additional demand. And they recommend that Messrs. BLOUNT & SHERMAN be paid Ten Dollars, as a full compensation for their claim; and that the sum of Thirty Dollars be paid to Mr. J. B. Nixon, for transcribing the Journals of the past Conventions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. WINN, Chairman.

The committee on the Episcopal Fund reported, verbally, through their chairman, that \$4,050 had been subscribed to that fund, most of which is deemed available, and that an offer of \$500 had been made for the section of land given by the late J. LORILLARD, Esq.; which report was accepted.

On motion, **Resolved**, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a Bishop.

Before the clergy and laity separated, it was, on motion,

**Resolved**, That whereas the solemn and important business of electing a Bishop ought not to be entered on without humble reliance on Divine Grace—an opportunity be now offered the members of the Convention to engage in silent prayer to the Great Head of the Church for His blessing and help.

The clergy then cast their ballots, when it appeared that The Rev. MARTIN P. PARKS, a Presbyterian of the Diocese of Virginia, now officiating as Chaplain of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New-York, was unanimously nominated as Bishop of this Diocese.

This nomination was unanimously concurred in by the Laity, voting by Parishes, and The Rev. MARTIN P. PARKS was accordingly declared duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.

The previous resolution, in regard to the place of meeting of the next Convention having been withdrawn, it was, on motion,

**Resolved**, that when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet in MOBILE, on the Third Thursday in February, 1843.

On motion,

**Resolved**, that a Board of Trustees of the Bishop's fund be now elected.

Whereupon, the following persons were elected:

A. B. WINN,  
J. M. DAVENPORT,  
DAVID FILES.

On motion,

*Resolved*, that the Secretary be directed to inform The Rev. M. P. PARKS of his unanimous election to the Episcopate of Alabama, and to request his acceptance of the same, informing him at the same time what provision has been made for his support.

The Convention then proceeded to sign the testimonials of the Bishop elect.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to cause 400 copies of the Journal to be printed.

After prayers and the benediction by the President, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

S. S. LEWIS, President.

N. P. KNAPP, Secretary.



## APPENDIX.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PRAIRIES, GREENE COUNTY.

No important change has occurred in the condition of this parish since the last Convention. The church, however, appears to be gradually acquiring strength and influence, and her friends, though few, are liberal. There have been no additions to the communion, and the present number of communicants is the same as last reported. No baptisms have been performed or marriages celebrated; funerals, 3.

F. R. HANSON, Rector.

Feb. 18, 1842.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.

Baptisms, (1 adult, 2 infants,) . . . . .	3
Burials, . . . . .	2

Communion administered six times—service on every Sunday except two, and on Christmas day and Ash Wednesday; and the third Sunday of each month for the colored people.

Since my last report, one colored communicant has removed, and two whites have been added. The present number is 9.

If the Bishop should visit the Parish, he will find here four candidates for confirmation—two white and two colored.

WM. JOHNSON, Rector.

## CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.

Baptisms, (infants) . . . . .	4
Marriages, . . . . .	3
Funerals, . . . . .	3
Communicants, (died one—removed 3—added 1) . . . . .	19
Sunday School Teachers, . . . . .	4
Scholars, . . . . .	20

Communion collections, \$86 18.

The condition of this Parish has not materially changed since the last Convention. Divine service has been celebrated twice every Sunday, except when the Minister has been ill, or absent for the purpose of supplying a destitute Parish in a neighboring Diocese, and once on Christmas day. The Sacrament of the Supper has been administered as usual on the first Sunday of each month. It

may be added that peace and harmony prevail in the Parish, and that a constant attendance at church indicates an encouraging interest in religion.

NATH. P. KNAPP, Minister.

Tuskaloosa, Feb. 8th, 1842.

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CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

Communicants, (died 3—suspended 1—removed 23—added 27)	177
Baptisms, (adults 5—infants 26)	31
Marriages,	13
Funerals, (parishioners 6—strangers 2)	8
Sunday School Teachers, (male 11—female 15)	26
Sunday School Scholars registered, (male 86—female 94)	180
The Sunday School Library contains about 500 vols.	
The Parish Library contains about 400 vols.	

The spiritual condition of the Parish has been constantly improving, which fact has gladdened the heart of the Minister, and encouraged him under God, to increased exertions to promote the welfare of his people. Besides the usual services on Sundays, he has frequently held a third service, and delivered a lecture on Wednesdays, at night, and performed divine service on all the Holy days throughout the year. The efforts which have been made to impart religious instruction to servants, have been greatly blessed. The Minister preaches to them on the first Sunday afternoon of every month, and on the remaining Sunday afternoons they are taught by competent instructors. The Ladies of the Parish have furnished the church with a beautiful Communion Table, and two chairs. One hundred and forty dollars were collected a few weeks since by the Rev. Mr. Eaton, of Galveston, Texas. The customary yearly Parochial collections for Missions, and other benevolent objects, have not yet been made, they having been deferred until the spring of the year.

SAMUEL S. LEWIS.

Mobile, February 17, 1842.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBOROUGH.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensborough, reports, that since the last annual Convention, there have been two Baptisms—one communicant added, and four burials. There are also some individuals, who are desirous of receiving the rite of confirmation at the next Episcopal visitation.

There is but little apparent change in the state of this congregation for the period of the last Ecclesiastical year. But while they continue to manifest the same spirit of regard for sacred things, which seems to pervade them at the present time, we cannot do otherwise than to hope for the favor and blessing of Almighty God.

J. E. SAWYER,

Rector of St. Paul's Church Greensborough.





## ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

Baptisms, (infant)	-	-	-	-	1
Deaths,	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants.	{	No. in last Report,	-	-	24
		No. added, (all by removal),	-	-	10
		No. died and removed,	-	-	4
		Present No.	-	-	30
No. Families about,	-	-	-	-	18

Though the above statistics exhibit no accession from the wicked world, or even the baptised, yet we are encouraged that the blessed truths of the cross have awakened an enquiring spirit and desire to know the truth, on the part of several such. The character of our communicants, as a body, indicate that they are swayed by the spirit of Holiness. One of them, I am happy to report, has been admitted a candidate for Holy Orders in this Diocese, and is pursuing his studies successfully in the General Theological Seminary.

The Vestry contracted for the building of a neat, though small church edifice during the last summer, which is now enclosed and shingled, and may be so far completed in a month, as to admit of its being used for public service. It is of sufficient dimensions for our ordinary congregation—46 by 30 feet—with gallery and vestry room ten feet square. I have officiated on alternate Sundays at Demopolis, and occasionally at the following places, viz: Pattonshill, Gainesville, Dehon and Gaston; at all of these places we have a few members. I have baptised one infant at Demopolis, and administered the Lord's Supper several times to about ten persons, who are members of the church. If the constant services of a clergyman could be secured for this place, I have little doubt of his success in building up a congregation.

J. J. SCOTT, Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, AND ST. LUKE'S CHURCH,  
CAHAWBA.

Having been prevented by unavoidable circumstances from attending the two last Conventions of this Diocese, the following report will cover this period:

The church edifice at Selma, which was incomplete at the last Report, and struggling under many adverse circumstances, may now be considered as finished.

The building has cost about eight thousand dollars; and means have been obtained to discharge all its liabilities, less the sum of four or five hundred dollars; nearly four hundred dollars of this amount has been contributed without the Parish, and most of it without the Diocese. One of Geo. Jardine's best "barrel and finger Organs" has been obtained; a good church Bell has also been furnished, and during the absence of the Rector on a visit to the north last summer, among many valuable donations he will mention particularly, a communion service from the "Sewing Society of St. Ann's church, Annapolis, Md.; a Surplice from a

Lady in New York, and a very convenient Altar arrangement from friends in Baltimore. In addition to this, the Ladies of the Parish have provided the Rector with a gown. From a view of these encouraging facts, it is evident that the blessing of God has accompanied our feeble efforts in building a House to His Name; and has sustained the Rector under circumstances of some little trial. The congregation, though not large, is believed to be steadily increasing.

Five Baptisms have been celebrated—three marriages—he has officiated at seven burials, at one of which he preached a sermon—contributions to Missionary purposes, \$11.

Four persons have been added to the communion—two have withdrawn, and two have removed from the Parish—present number five.

The Rector visits Cahawba on the first Sunday in each month, where he usually preaches twice to very respectable congregations. There are, however, as yet, no decided indications of the permanent establishment of our services at this point.

L. B. WRIGHT, Rector.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE; & ST. JOHN'S CHURCH TUSCUMBIA.

I have officiated in Divine service, and preached every Sunday, except on two or three occasions, alternately, in Florence and Tuscumbia, since the last Convention,—celebrating the Holy Sacrament every other month at each place. I have attended three Funerals, and preached the same number of Funeral Sermons. The collections for the D. M. Fund amount to \$49 44 from both Parishes.

In Florence we sustained a severe loss by the death of R. H. Madra Esq., during the summer. His many excellent qualities, his piety, and strong attachment to the Church endeared him to us all in an eminent degree, and rendered his early death the greatest trial I have been called upon to bear in this field of labour.

The church edifice erected some time since in Florence, is now in the course of completion. In a few days more it will be pewed and a neat pulpit erected, for which work the sum of \$200 00 was subscribed by the people of the town. This I consider a great step towards the permanent establishment of the Church here, and in the event of the present Missionary's leaving the station, another would have greater inducement to take hold.

	Com'ts,	Bap.	Cand. for Con.	Deaths.	Fun.
FLORENCE,	15	2	2	2	3
TUSCUMBIA,	12	2	1	1	
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	27	4	3	3	3

In Tuscumbia we have no church of our own; but through the kindness of our Methodist friends we have the use of their house every Sunday morning.

JAS. YOUNG,

Missionary at Florence and Tuscumbia, Ala.



**THE CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.**

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The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity, the advantages of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

**ARTICLE 1.** This Church hereby accedes to the authority of, and recognises, and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

**ARTICLE 2.** There shall be an annual convention of the church, to be held at such time and place as shall have been designated by the next preceeding Convention.

**ARTICLE 3.** The Bishop, or if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power, when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a special convention by a circular letter to the several churches.— There shall not be less than eight weeks' notice previous to the day appointed, and such meeting shall be holden where the authority calling it shall determine: and at such Special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

**ARTICLE 4.** The Convention shall be composed of all Ministers of this Church in regular standing, who may at stated times, officiate in any congregation in this Diocese, and of Lay members, consisting of a delegation from each Parish.

**ARTICLE 5.** In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body; and in voting, the clergy shall vote by individuals, and the Laity by congregations; and a majority of the votes of the two orders, jointly, shall be decisive; but if in any case it be required by any two clergymen, or by the delegation of any two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order, shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In case of electing

a Bishop, the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode last prescribed.

ARTICLE 6. The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in Convention. The election shall be conducted as follows: The clergy shall vote by ballot for some suitable person for the office of Bishop, and in the primary election, six Presbyters shall be present in Convention, who shall have been in ecclesiastical connection with the Diocese, at least twelve months prior to the election, and shall have officiated in some Parish or Parishes, which is, or are, in union with this Convention, during the said time; and in all elections thereafter, a majority of the clergy of the Diocese shall be required to determine the choice. The nomination then made shall be communicated to the lay members, who shall proceed to vote by ballot, whether to receive or to reject it, a majority of whom shall be necessary to confirm the election.

*Proposed Substitute.*

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ARTICLE 7. The Bishop of the Church in this State shall be *ex officio* President of the Convention, and in case of his absence, or if there be no Bishop, a President, *pro tempore* shall be elected from among the clerical members present. A Secretary who shall also be *ex officio*, Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, who shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings, and also a correct account of all monies he may receive, to be annually submitted to the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give a written notice to every clergyman and Parish in the Diocese, of the time and place of meeting of every Convention.

ARTICLE 8. The Standing committee, consisting of not more than three clergymen and three laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the constitution and canons of the General Convention. Vacancies in the committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members. Two clerical members and one lay member of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 9. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer and a sermon; and the Preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop of the Diocese, by the standing committee.

ARTICLE 10. A proposition to alter this constitution, must be made in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the Convention. It shall then lie over to the next Convention, and then, if approved by a majority of the two orders of the clergy and laity, (voting separately) the amendment shall become part of the constitution.

**CANONS**  
OF THE  
**DIOCESE OF ALABAMA;**

*Passed in 1842.*

**CANON I.**

**OF THE VESTRY OF A CHURCH.**

**SEC. 2.** In every Church of this Diocese, there shall be an annual election, on Easter Monday, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than five, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of these Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens; one of whom shall be designated by appointment, the Senior Warden of the Parish.

The Vestry shall elect a Secretary, whose duty shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings—attest the public acts of the Vestry—preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and documents belonging to the Parish that may be in his possession.

**SEC. 1.** In electing a Vestry, no person shall be entitled to vote, who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association; or who is not a holder or renter of one entire Pew, and when two or more persons shall hold or rent a Pew, they shall be entitled jointly to one vote. In those Parishes in which there are no Pews held or rented, no individual shall be entitled to vote who is not a contributor to the Church, to such an amount as the respective Parishes shall appoint.

**SEC. 3.** No person shall be elected a Vestry-man, who is not a Pew-holder, or a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected.

**SEC. 4.** It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church—to regulate all its temporal concerns—elect and call a minister, and provide for his maintenance—to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine Worship—and in general, to act as helpers to the Minister, in whatever is appropriate to lay men, for the furtherance of the Gospel; it being understood always, that the *spiritual concerns* of the Church are under the exclusive direction of the minister, in subordination to the ecclesiastical authority and laws of the Diocese.

It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially, to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper—to collect the alms at the administration of the same—to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a minister—and, while the church is destitute of a Minister, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay-reading, as circumstances may permit.

(Parishes now incorporated, are excepted from any parts of this Canon interfering with their articles of association, or by-laws.)

#### CANON II.

##### OF ADMITTING A CHURCH OR PARISH INTO UNION WITH THIS DIOCESE.

No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Diocese unless the Articles of Association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to the Convention by a clerical or lay-member thereof.

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##### OF A QUORUM IN CONVENTION.

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##### OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION, AND REQUISITES FOR THE ADMISSION OF LAY DELEGATES.

It shall be the duty of all Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention, to attend the same, and of every church or congregation in union with this Diocese, to send a number (not exceeding five) of Lay-Delegates to the Convention; who shall be chosen by the Vestry from the communicants of the Church, if possible, or from such persons, of good moral character, as are entitled to vote in the election of Vestry-men.

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#### CANON VI.

##### OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE OFFICERS OF CONVENTION.

The officers of this convention shall continue in office, and exercise their respective functions for one year; or, until another election take place.

#### CANON VII.

##### OF SPECIAL CONVENTIONS.

When a special Convention shall be called, it shall be the duty of the Secre-

tary, in issuing the notification, to specify the business and purpose for which the Convention is called.

### CANON VIII.

#### OF ATTENDANCE OF THE CLERGY ON CONVENTIONS.

The regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, being deemed of great importance to the interests of the Church, is a duty, hereby enjoined, with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere: and it is recommended to the different Parishes in this Diocese to make provision for the expenses incurred by their respective ministers in attending the Convention.

At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein, shall be called over, and the absentees noted.

### CANON IX.

#### A LIST TO BE MADE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. Before the meeting of every convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the clerical members of the Standing committee, shall cause to be prepared a list of all Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or stations as Missionaries; or of the institutions of learning in which they are engaged; and the places of residence of such as are not employed in either of the ways above mentioned; specifying at the same time who, of either class, are Deacons; but no Clergyman, while suspended from the ministry shall have a place on such list. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom. The same shall be appended to the Journal, and sent to the Secretary of the General Convention.

SEC. 2. When the right of any Clergyman, to a seat in the Convention, is disputed, it shall be determined, according to the provisions of the 4th article of the Constitution, by the Convention itself; whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

### CANON X.

#### OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, in pursuance of the 7th article of the Constitution, to send to every minister of a Parish in union with this Convention, (or to the Wardens thereof, if the Parish be destitute of a minister,) at least four weeks before the next meeting of the Convention, a written notification of the time and place of said meeting. Said notification shall also contain the assessment laid upon the Parish for the expenses of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. In conformity to Canon 7th, 1835, of the General Convention, on this subject, he shall transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention of this Diocese, (as well as of any charge or pastoral letter recently published,) and to the General Convention, a certificate of the appointment of clerical and lay delegates.

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### CANON XIII.

#### OF PREPARING A REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In conformity to the recommendation of the General Convention, (Canon VII. 1835,) a committee of the Convention of this Diocese, shall be appointed at the regular meeting of the same, next before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to draft, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop (if there be one,) a Report of the state of the Church, to be presented to the General Convention.

### CANON XIV.

#### OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN, NOT BEING A BISHOP.

Whenever any Clergyman of this Diocese, (not being Bishop thereof,) shall become liable to presentment and trial, according to the provisions of any Canon of the General or Diocesan Convention, the mode of proceeding shall be as follows:

SECTION 1. The trial shall be on a presentment in writing, addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, (or to the clerical members of the Standing committee, if there be no Bishop,) specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances. Such presentment may be made by the majority of the whole Vestry of any church of which the accused is, or has been, a Minister, or by any two Presbyters of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, or by a board of inquiry appointed as follows:

Whenever from public rumor or otherwise, the Bishop, (or the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop,) shall have reason to believe that any clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the church requires an investigation, it shall be his (or their) duty to appoint three persons, two of whom shall be Presbyters, to examine the case; and if there be, in the opinion of a majority of them, sufficient ground for presentment, they shall present the clergyman accordingly.

SEC. 2. A presentment being made in any of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, or the Clerical Members aforesaid, if there be no Bishop, may dismiss it, if the facts charged shall not appear to him (or them) to constitute an offence; or if it allege facts some of which do, and some of which do not, constitute an offence, he (or they) may allow it in part, and dismiss the residue, or may allow it to be amended.

When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop, (or the clerical members aforesaid) shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate six Presbyters (if there be six in the Diocese) and if there be not six in the Diocese, then any number more than three, who shall be entitled to seats in the convention, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall within *thirty days* after such service, select three of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop, (or clerical members aforesaid;) and if he shall not give such notification within the said thirty days, the Bishop

according to the provision of Canon 10, 1830, for defraying the expenses of the General Convention—such sums to be charged to the Diocese, in his account as Treasurer of the Convention.

#### CANON XI.

##### OF RECEIVING A CLERGYMAN INTO A PARISH OR CHURCH.

The authority to receive any Clergyman into a church or congregation in this Diocese, shall be vested in the Vestry and church Wardens, if there be any; otherwise, in the congregation which supports him, and receives the benefit of his ministry: *Provided*, that no Clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any church or congregation in this Diocese, unless he first produce to the Vestry and Church Wardens, or to the Congregation, if there be no Vestry, &c., a certificate from the Bishop, or (in case there be no Bishop,) from the Standing Committee, that he has presented Letters of Orders, and Testimonials of Religious and moral Conduct, as required by the Canons of the General Convention, and that his Letters of Orders, and Testimonials of Religious and Moral Conduct, are by him, the Bishop, or by them, the Standing Committee, approved.

#### CANON XII.

##### OF PARISH REGISTERS AND REPORTS.

Sec. I. Every Clergyman of this Diocese shall keep a Register of all the Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals solemnized by him, or, in his Parrish, by any other Episcopal minister; specifying the names, and times of birth of the children Baptised, together with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptized; and also the witnesses of the baptism; the names of those confirmed, and by whom; the names of the parties married; and of persons buried; and also the times when each rite was performed.

This Register shall be kept by the minister, in a book to be provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry of each Church; which book shall be called the Parish Register, and shall be considered as a part of the Records of the Parish.

Sec. 2. In addition to the Register above named, the minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure; specifying the time when the former became communicants of the Church under his charge, and whether by removal from some other Parish, or otherwise.

Sec. 3. Every minister of the Diocese shall, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop of the Diocese, (or, if there be no Bishop,) to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, and Confirmations, within his cure, since the last Convention; and also, of the number of Communicants; specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other Churches, or otherwise, during the same time; and also of the number of Pupils and Teachers connected with the Sunday School; and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collections; together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish.

Sec. 4. In every case where a Parish is destitute of a minister, the Register contemplated by this Canon, shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the Annual Parochial Reports shall be presented or

such charges respectively; and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion should be pronounced.

A *copy* of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused, and also to the persons making the presentment. And the *original* decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, if there be one; who shall pronounce such canonical sentence, as shall appear to him to be proper; provided the same shall not exceed in severity, the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final.

If there be no Bishop, the said decision, with the evidence, shall be delivered to the clerical members of the standing committee, who shall submit the same to some convenient Bishop, whose judgment in the case, with the limitation aforesaid, shall be final.

SEC. 10. Before pronouncing sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, & any two or more of the clergy, to meet him at such time as may, in his opinion, be most convenient, in some church to be designated by him, (always within the Diocese,) which shall, for that purpose, be open to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, (if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it,) may grant a new trial to the accused; in which case, a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

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or clerical members aforesaid, shall select three: and in either case, the three selected Presbyters shall constitute a Board for the trial of the accused.

SEC. 3. The Board shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the clerical members aforesaid, shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place (within the Diocese) as they shall think necessary.

SEC. 4. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting, shall be served at least *thirty* days before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment, and upon such person as may be appointed to conduct the prosecution.

The Bishop, or the clerical members aforesaid, shall appoint a suitable person to prosecute the case.

SEC. 5. If a clergyman presented, after having had due notice, *shall not appear* before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

SEC. 6. At their first meeting the Board shall choose a President from their own body, and a Secretary from their own body or otherwise as they shall determine.

SEC. 7. When the Board proceed to trial, they shall hear such evidence as may be produced; and shall cause the oral testimony to be written down by the Secretary, and together with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved, and shall cause a full record to be kept of their proceedings.

The President shall be authorised, at the desire of either party, to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses; and the examination of the witnesses, and all the proceedings of the trial shall be in public, if desired by the accused, and *not otherwise*.

No Layman shall be permitted to *advocate* for either party in the trial, though both parties may, at their option, *consult* legal or other advisers.

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A witness examined as aforesaid, may be sworn by the commissioner.

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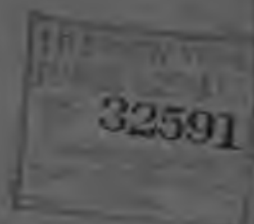
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**Bishop of Louisiana, and Provisional Bishop of Alabama.**

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- “ **J. E. SAWYER,** . . . Officiating in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.
- “ **J. J. SCOTT,** . . . . Minister of St. James' Church, Livingston.
- “ **L. B. WRIGHT,** . . . Minister of St. Paul's Church, Selma.
- “ **J. YOUNG,** . . . . { Minister of Trinity Church, Florence, and  
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.
- “ **C. S. IVES,** . . . . Minister of Christ Church, Matagorda, Texas.
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MOBILE, THURSDAY, FEB. 16, 1843—11 o'clock, A. M.

This being the time and place appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled at Christ Church. Divine worship was then held,—the Rev. Mr. SCOTT reading the service, assisted in the lessons by the Rev. Mr. KNAPP; and the Rev. Mr. HANSON preached the Convention Sermon. The Right Rev. LEONIDAS POLK, provisional Bishop of the Diocese, then called the Convention to order. The Rev. Mr. KNAPP was appointed Secretary pro tem., and the names of the clergy who were entitled to seats in the Convention, were called over; when the following were found to be present: the Rev. Messrs. F. R. Hanson, N. P. Knapp, S. S. Lewis, J. E. Sawyer, J. J. Scott, and L. B. Wright. The Rev. Mr. LEWIS and the Rev. Mr. HANSON were appointed to examine the credentials of the Lay Delegates, and reported the following gentlemen duly elected by their respective parishes to the present Convention:

*From St. John's Church in the Prairies*,—Wm. Armistead, Robert C. Macon, A. C. Jones, Hortensius Purnell, and Robert W. Withers.

*From St. Paul's Church, Greensborough*,—Isaac Croom, Turner Wilson, Frederick Stickney, John H. Parker, and Edward G. Benners.

*From Christ Church, Mobile*,—Edward Hall, Richard Maynard, George Cleveland, Wm. H. Garrow, and C. C. Hazard.

*From St. James' Church, Livingston*,—Wm. H. Green, J. Gibbs, H. R. Thornton, and P. B. Tompkins.

*From Christ Church, Tuscaloosa*,—E. W. Peck, J. H. Linebaugh, Joel White, Wm. G. Parish, and H. A. Snow.

*From St. Paul's Church, Selma*,—Wm. S. Jeffries, A. S. Jeffries, Isaiah Morgan, and J. R. Purnell.

*From Trinity Church, Demopolis*,—Francis Lyon, A. B. Winn, Wm. C. Ashe, John W. Henley, and C. Coon.

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The Secretary called the roll of the Lay Delegates, when the following persons answered to their names, and took their seats, as members of this Convention:—Messrs. R. C. Macon, F. Stickney, J. H. Parker, E. G. Benmers, E. Hall, R. Maynard, Wm. H. Garrow, C. C. Hazard, E. W. Peck, J. H. Linebaugh, Wm. S. Jeffries, A. S. Jeffries, and A. B. Winn. The Right Rev. President now declared the Convention duly organized.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and the Rev. J. E. SAWYER was chosen to that office.

On motion of the Rev. S. S. Lewis, the Rules of Order for the last Convention were adopted for the regulation of the proceedings of the present Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Knapp, articles of association of a parish at Huntsville were read, and the parish admitted into union with the Diocese, under the name of the "Church of the Nativity, at Huntsville."

The following Standing Committees were then appointed by the President:—

Committee on the State of the Church—Rev. Messrs. Lewis, Hanson, and Wright.

Committee on Finance—Messrs. Hazard, Green, Winn, Macon, Parker, Peck, and Jeffries.

Committee on Unfinished Business—Rev. Messrs. Scott, Knapp, and Mr. E. Hall.

The Right Rev. President then made a concise and pointed Address to the Convention; and urged with much feeling the necessity of a complete organization of the Church to the prosperity of the Diocese, by the selection of some suitable person to the office of a Bishop.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayers by the Right Rev. President, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Standing Committee, being next in order, was read by the Rev. Mr. Knapp, as follows:

"The Standing Committee present the following abstract of their proceedings since the last Convention. At a meeting held in Christ Church, Mobile, on the 26th of February, 1842, the Rev. S. S. Lewis was chosen President, and the Rev. N. P. Knapp Secretary for the ensuing year. At the same meeting, the Rev. F. R. Hanson was appointed "Preacher of the next Convention Sermon," and the Rev. J. J. Scott his substitute. At an adjourned meeting, on the 28th Feb. Mr. B. F. Mower was recommended as a candidate for orders in this Diocese. At a meeting held in Greensborough, on the 20th Oct. Mr. John H. Linebaugh was recommended as a candidate for

**Orders.** At a meeting held at Tuscaloosa, on the 29th Oct. consent was given to the consecration of the Rev. Manton Eastburn, D. D. as Assistant Bishop of Massachusetts."

A true abstract from the minutes.

**ATTEST:** NATH. P. KNAPP, Secretary.

In connexion with this report, the Right Rev. President stated that he had transferred Mr. B. F. Mower, a candidate for orders, to the Diocese of Georgia.

The Parochial reports were then called for, and submitted to the Convention by the clergy, in alphabetical order.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IN THE PRAIRES, GREENE COUNTY.**

There has been very little change in the condition of this parish since the last Convention. The congregation, which has always been small, has not increased much during the past year. The music of the Church has been very much improved by the aid of an instrument, recently obtained by the congregation. A stove has also been procured. It is contemplated by the ladies of the parish to have a "Fair" in the Spring, in order to raise funds to purchase a Parsonage; and it is hoped that they will be able to accomplish that object.

Funerals,—2 white, and 1 colored,—total 3.

Arcola, Feb. 14, 1843.

F. R. HANSON, Minister.

**TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.**

By the request of the friends of the Church, I commenced officiating about the first of last July in Demopolis, on every alternate Sunday. I have been very much gratified and encouraged by the manner in which those services have been attended. The congregations have been uniformly large, respectful, and attentive; and at present, there is every reason to hope that the Church will be permanently established there. It is expected that a neat and substantial church edifice will be erected during the present year.

Funerals, 1—Baptisms, 3.

I have also preached once in the Canebrake,—a settlement in the same county,—and baptized 4 children, and performed the funeral service over an aged female slave in Arcola.

Arcola, Feb. 14, 1843.

F. R. HANSON.

**CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA.**

Baptisms, (infants, 2—adult, 1.)	-	-	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	none.
Candidates for Confirmation,	-	-	-	-	3
Communicants, (added from the congregation, 1—by removal, 2—removed, 2—died, 1.)	-	-	-	-	21

Collections—charitable, - - - - -	\$71
Missionary—given to the Missionary at Tuscomb and Florence, - - - - -	\$34
Sunday School, being very small, and almost without Teachers, has been discontinued.	

Divine service and preaching of the word of God has been continued, as heretofore, on the morning and evening of every Sunday, except when the minister was sick, or absent on missionary duty. He spent one Sunday in Florence, and one in Huntsville, where he assisted the Episcopalians in organizing a parish, which has applied for admission into union with this Convention, under the name of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville. It is very desirable that a minister should be located in that important place immediately.

With regard to the prospects of his own parish, the minister can truly say that they are encouraging, though he has learned to be satisfied with the "small things" that have fallen to his lot. The preaching of the word has been received with serious attention; and, it is hoped, not without profit. What its fruits may be, can be known only to Him who has called us as laborers into His vineyard.

Tuscaloosa, Feb. 10, 1843.

NATH. P. KNAPP.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

In conformity with Canon XII. Sec. 3, the Minister of this Church reports the following "Statement of Baptisms, Funerals, Marriages, &c. within his parochial cure since the last Convention," viz:

BAPTISMS,.....	Infants—white, 38; colored, 4; }	56
	Adults—white, 12; colored, 2; }	
MARRIAGES,.....	White, 17; colored, 2; - - -	19
FUNERALS,.....	Parishioners, 11; Strangers, 16; -	27
COMMUNICANTS,...	Number connected with the parish during the year, - - - - -	247
	Died, - - - - -	4
	Removed from the parish, - - -	31
	Added from the parish, - - -	47
	Added from other parishes, - - -	20
	Present number—white 202; colored 10;	212
SUNDAY SCHOOL...	Teachers—Male 13, including Superin- tendant and Librarian; Female 14;	27
	Scholars—Male 79; Female 90;	169
	The S. School Library contains about 400 vols.	
	The Parish Library contains about 550 vols.	
CONTRIBUTIONS...	For Church in Galveston, Texas, \$165 00	
	For lighting the Church with Gas, \$500 00	
	For the poor at times of Communion, \$210 60	
	For the Education of a Child in Africa, by the Juvenile Missionary Society, \$20 00	

**CONTRIBUTIONS . .** For the parish Association for the promotion of Christianity—

by subscription, \$368 31

by public collection, \$111 69—\$470 00

Besides these amounts, a small sum of money was collected, by subscription, for the Missionary at Matagorda, Texas; amount not known.

It is expected that the rite of Confirmation will be administered by the Provisional Bishop of the Diocese, to about fifty persons, on Sunday next; and from the increased attention to religion, which now prevails in the parish, it is hoped that the rite will be again administered to a considerable number of persons, immediately after Easter.

The minister of the parish cannot let the present occasion pass, without expressing his sincere gratitude to Almighty God for imparting to him physical strength (notwithstanding the general ill health from which he has suffered during the last three years) sufficient to enable him to remain in his parish throughout the year, and to officiate on every Sunday, with the exception of three, and to perform all his other parochial duties. The Church is opened for Divine service twice on every Sunday, on every Wednesday morning, and every Friday night, except during the last three months of the warm season of the year. The instruction to colored persons is still continued, throughout the year, on every Sunday afternoon, by competent and faithful teachers.

For the encouragement of the Sunday School Teachers, it ought here to be remarked, that nine of the candidates for confirmation are young persons, who are, or have been recently, connected with the Sunday School, and that several others are expected to receive that rite in the Spring.

No persons are presented to the Bishop for confirmation in this parish, who are not prepared to receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

In concluding his report, the minister feels it to be a duty thus publicly to acknowledge his deep sense of the abounding grace and goodness of God, to him and his parish, not only in having increased the number of attendants upon the services of the Church, but in having added to her communion a much larger number than ever before in one year, "of such as," he trusts, "shall be saved."

Mobile, Feb. 16, 1843.

SAMUEL S. LEWIS.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBOROUGH.

The Rev. J. E. Sawyer reports, that since the last Convention, he has generally officiated at St. Paul's Church, Greensborough, though his pastoral relation was dissolved in April last. He has celebrated three baptisms, and two funerals. He has twice visited

Tuscaloosa, as a member of the Standing Committee, and upon one occasion preached for the rector of the parish, and baptized his infant child. It is with deep regret he is constrained to report his late charge at Greensborough as still unsupplied with the permanent and constant services of a minister, and to express the earnest hope that this evil may soon be removed.

Greensboro', Feb. 14, 1843.

J. E. SAWYER.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 2;	- - - - -	6
Communicants—Number in last report,	- - - - -	30
Number added,	- - - - -	5
Present number,	- - - - -	35
Number of Families, about	- - - - -	20

During the conventional year, the vestry have erected a neat and sufficiently commodious Church Edifice, which will be ready for consecration at the next Episcopal visitation. The parish seems to be in a healthy spiritual condition. In connexion with this parish, I officiated at Demopolis until last May, when my services were transferred to Greensborough. Our services, in both of these places, have been well attended, and we hope not without effect. The church edifice in Greensborough is ready for consecration.

Livingston, Feb. 14, 1843.

J. J. SCOTT.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.

Baptisms—Infants, 12; Adults, 7;	- - - - -	19
Marriage,	- - - - -	1
Burials,	- - - - -	2
Candidates for Confirmation,	- - - - -	12 or 14
Communicants—Former number,	- - - - -	5
Present number,	- - - - -	13

Selma, Feb. 16, 1843.

L. B. WRIGHT, Rector.

On motion of the Rev. S. S. Lewis, it was resolved, that the Standing Committee of the Diocess should consist of five members; three of whom shall be selected from the clergy, and the remainder from the laity.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year; and upon ballot, the Rev. S. S. Lewis, the Rev. J. E. Sawyer, the Rev. J. J. Scott, and Messrs. E. W. Peck and T. W. McCoy, were found duly elected.

The Treasurer's Report was then read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

*Diocess of Alabama, in account with N. P. Knapp, Treasurer.*

Dr.	To balance of last year's account,	- - -	\$14 00
1841.	Postage,	- - -	50
	To M. & J. Slade's bill for printing Journal,	- - -	\$75 00
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			\$89 50

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Feb. 19th,	By assessment of St. Peter's church, Lowndes co.	\$ 5 00
Feb. 23d,	" " Christ Church, Mobile,	50 00
"	" St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	7 50
"	" Trinity Church, Lafayette,	5 00
Sept. 20th,	" Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,	12 50
1843.	" St. John's Church, in the Prairies,	7 50
Feb. 16th,	" St. John's Church, Montgomery,	5 00
"	" St. Paul's Church, Selma,	5 00
"	" St. James' Church, Livingston,	3 00

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\$100 50

The substitute for the sixth article of the Constitution, which was proposed and adopted by the last Convention, then came up for consideration, and after discussion, was ratified by a constitutional vote; the clergy and laity voting by orders.

The Rev. Mr. Knapp then reported to Convention, that the Rev. Mr. Parks had declined the Episcopate of this Diocese, tendered to him by our last annual Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wright, it was resolved, that a committee be appointed by the President, to consider and report upon the expediency of electing a Bishop at the present Convention.—Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Knapp, Lewis, Sawyer, and Messrs. Garrow, Peck and Winn were appointed said committee.

On motion of A. B. Winn, Esq. it was "resolved that a committee of three clergymen and two lay members be appointed to enquire into the expediency of originating a Diocesan Missionary Society; and if deemed expedient, that they report to the next Convention suitable measures to carry the same into effect." Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Lewis, Hanson, Scott, and Messrs. Winn & Cleveland were appointed said committee.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

**SATURDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.**

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and, after prayers by the President, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee on the state of the Church, then made the following report, through the Rev. Mr. Lewis:

The committee on the state of the Church beg leave to report, that in reference to the actual condition of the Diocese, they have nothing to communicate beyond what is contained in the parochial reports; from which it appears, that the spiritual condition of the church is highly encouraging, and that there is good evidence of the fidelity of the clergy in the discharge of their high and responsible duties. The annual statistics of the parishes are as follows:

Baptisms,	- - - - -	90
Marriages,	- - - - -	20
Funerals,	- - - - -	43
Communicants,	- - - - -	281
Sunday School Teachers,	- - - - -	27
Sunday School Scholars,	- - - - -	169

The great obstacle in the way of a more rapid growth of the Church, your committee feel, is the want of an Episcopal head. Past experience teaches us, that the Church cannot rapidly increase, in a new Diocese like ours, until it is provided with a Bishop, who shall be able, by frequent visitations, to strengthen the new and more feeble parishes, to prepare the way for the introduction of our scriptural services and apostolic regimen in places where the church is but little known, and to furnish the destitute parts of the Diocese with the ministry and ordinances of our Zion. And hence, your committee do most cordially approve of the sentiments expressed at the opening of the Convention, by the Right Rev. the provisional Bishop of the Diocese, with respect to the Episcopate, and earnestly recommend that the Convention adopt some efficient measures to secure an object so important to the permanent prosperity of the Church; believing that the cause of religion, as well as the growth of the Church, demands that a Bishop should be elected and consecrated as soon as the pecuniary condition of the parishes will enable the Diocese to fulfil, in good faith, the promise made to him, of a competent and permanent support.

The imperfect character of some of the parochial reports, leads your committee respectfully to urge upon the Convention the propriety of taking measures to secure more minute and definite returns; they being the only means from which information, as to the true state of the Diocese, can be obtained. They do, therefore, suggest that a form be drawn out, and printed as an Appendix to the Journal.

Your committee regret that there are so few Catechumens reported in the several parishes: while, however, they regret the fact, they do not presume that any fault is to be attributed to the want of zeal on the part of the clergy, but to the peculiar situation of most of the parishes; some of them being new, and some located in sparsely populated neighborhoods, and all of them finding it difficult to procure competent teachers.

From the reports, there seems to have been but little or no attention given to the instruction of our slave population. Your committee would therefore earnestly renew the recommendations made by the committee on the state of the church last year, and urge upon both the clergy and laity the moral obligation, which, as Christians, we are under, to impart to them, at regular periods, a knowledge of the fundamental doctrines and precepts of our Holy religion, which is equally necessary for the eternal salvation of "bond or free."

S. S. LEWIS, Chairman.



The committee on Finance then submitted the subsequent report, which was read and approved.

The committee on Finance report, that they have examined the account of the late Treasurer, which is found to be correct.

The committee recommend that the following assessments on the parishes of the Diocess be ordered by the Convention for the current year, viz :

Christ Church, Mobile,	- - -	\$50 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,	- - -	12 50
St. Paul's Church, Greensborough,	- - -	7 50
St. John's Church, in the Prairies,	- - -	7 50
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	- - -	10 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	- - -	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	- - -	5 00
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes,	- - -	5 00
Christ Church, Wetumpka,	- - -	5 00
Trinity Church, Lafayette,	- - -	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	- - -	5 00
St. Michael's Church, Marion,	- - -	5 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	}	5 00
and Trinity Church, Florence,		
St. James' Church, Livingston,	- - -	5 00
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,	- - -	5 00
Christ Church, Hayneville,	- - -	5 00

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The committee on Finance, who were charged with the consideration of the assessment proper to be imposed on the several parishes of the Diocess, for the provision of an income for the Bishop elect, report the following, and recommend its adoption, viz :

Christ Church, Mobile,	- - -	\$600
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,	- - -	100
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	- - -	100
St. Paul's Church, Greensborough,	- - -	100
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	- - -	100
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	- - -	100
St. John's Church, in the Prairies,	- - -	100
St. James' Church, Livingston,	- - -	50
Church of Nativity, Huntsville,	- - -	50
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes,	- - -	50
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	- - -	50
Trinity Church, Lafayette,	- - -	50
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	}	50
Trinity Church, Florence,		
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,	- - -	25

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These sums, it is understood, the Secretary shall apply for, in whole or in part, as they may be required.

C. C. HAZARD, Chairman.

The committee who were instructed to enquire into the expediency of electing a Bishop for this Diocese by the present Convention, reported as follows, through the Rev. Mr. Knapp.

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of electing a Bishop at the present Convention, beg leave to report, that they have unanimously concluded that it is expedient to proceed to such election immediately. The necessity of a perfect organization to the growth and permanent welfare of the Church, seems too obvious to admit of a doubt; and the only question, viz: whether the resources of the Diocese were adequate to the support of the Episcopate, has been fairly met, and so far settled affirmatively as to justify the conclusion already stated. They are not equal to our desires, or our hopes; but it is confidently believed that they will enable us to offer a support commensurate with any reasonable expectations from a young Diocese. The committee feel assured—and the assurance is founded on a sufficient guaranty—that the Convention could safely pledge the sum of two thousand dollars annually for the support of a Bishop, in connexion with a parochial charge, or twelve hundred dollars independently of such charge. This sum does not include the interest on the Bishop's fund, which, we trust, will, by and by, afford a considerable addition to our present available resources. And when it is considered that the salary above named is the offering of a people in circumstances of temporary embarrassment, and is the lowest estimate of the means of supporting the Episcopate, it is deemed advisable to incur whatever risk the case may involve, with an humble trust that God will surely help those who seek his glory in his appointed way.

Your committee, therefore, submit the following resolution:—Resolved, that this Convention do now proceed to elect a Bishop.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. P. KNAPP, Chairman.

The above report, after being read, was adopted.

On motion of the Hon. G. W. Peck, it was "resolved, that this body, as the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, hereby bind themselves to pay annually to the support of the Episcopate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, independent of a parochial charge, or two thousand dollars, with such charge."

The Convention, after silent prayer, then proceeded to the election of a Bishop: and upon counting the votes of the clergy, the Rev. James T. Johnston, of the Diocese of Virginia, was found to be chosen for the nomination. The nomination thus made was then submitted to the laity for their action, through a committee, composed of the Rev. J. E. Sawyer and the Rev. N. P. Knapp. The laity presently reported, through Dr. Maynard, that the nomination

was unanimously acceded to:—whereupon, the Rev. James T. Johnston was declared by the Right Rev. President to be duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Knapp, it was "resolved, that the clerical members of the Standing Committee be authorised to inform the Rev. James T. Johnston, of the Diocese of Virginia, of his election to the Episcopate of Alabama, and of the provision made for his support; and in case of his acceptance, to make the necessary arrangements for his consecration."

The testimonials of the Bishop elect were then prepared by the Secretary, and duly signed by the clerical and lay members of Convention.

A verbal report was made by the Trustees of the Bishop's fund, stating "its resources to be on the increase, and generally satisfactory."

On motion, E. W. Peck, A. B. Winn, and D. Files, were elected Trustees of the Bishop's fund.

On motion of the Hon. E. W. Peck, the following substitute for the fifth article of the Constitution was proposed, and accepted by the Convention.

Article 5. "In convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate and vote as one body: But if it be required by two clergymen, or the delegation of two parishes, the two orders shall vote separately; in which case, each clergyman shall cast one vote, and the delegation of each parish one vote; and a majority of the votes of each order, thus cast, concurring, shall be decisive. In electing a Bishop, the laity shall vote by parishes, as herein provided."

The Rev. Mr. Scott presented the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted.

"Whereas, during the conventional year, Dr. James M. Davenport has been removed by death from the militant church,—therefore: Resolved, that the Convention deeply lament an occasion, by which we have been deprived of a truly pious and intelligent churchman, and one whose zeal and devotion in the cause of the Church in this Diocese has been undiminished from an early period in her history: Resolved, that this Convention tenders its kindest sympathy to the bereaved widow of the late Dr. Davenport."

On motion of J. H. Parker, Esq. it was "resolved, that when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet again in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', on the first Thursday in May, A. D. 1844."

On motion, the Finance Committee, were directed to prepare a plan of assessment upon the different parishes: in accordance with which, said committee submitted to Convention a system of parochial contribution, which was approved and ordered to be appended to their previous report.

The dues of delinquent parishes were, by vote, then remitted,—

and four hundred copies of the Journal of the Minutes of this Convention were ordered to be printed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Knapp, the Rev. Mr. Lewis took the chair; and it was "resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Right Rev. Leonidas Polk, D. D. for the kind assistance which he has afforded to us, and for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over our deliberations."

The Right Rev. President then resumed the chair, and addressed the Convention in terms of kindness and Christian feeling.

On motion, the Convention, after prayers and the benediction of the President, adjourned *sine die*.

LEONIDAS POLK, President.

J. E. SAWYER, Secretary.

*Mobile, February 18th, 1843.*



PRESIDENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. S. S. LEWIS, Mobile.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF CONVENTION.

Rev. J. E. SAWYER, Grandison.

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Rev. S. S. LEWIS,.....Minister of Christ Church, Mobile.

“ E. M. FORBES,....Assistant.

“ N. P. KNAPP,.....Minister of St. John's Church, Montg'ry.

“ WM. B. OTIS,..... “ “ Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

“ L. B. WRIGHT,.... “ “ St. Paul's Church, Selma.

“ S. PATTERSON,.... “ “ St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'

“ F. R. HANSON,.... “ “ { St. John's Church, in the prai-  
ries, Creene county.

“ J. J. SCOTT,..... “ “ St. James' Church, Livingston.

“ WM. JOHNSTON,... “ “ St. Peter's Church, Lowndes co.

“ F. B. LEE,..... “ “ { St. Paul's Church, Carlow-  
ville, Dallas county.

“ F. H. LAIRD,.....officiating at Huntsville.

“ J. E. SAWYER,....residing in Mobile.

“ R. G. HAYS,.....teaching in Wetumpka.

“ JOHN L. GAY,....officiating in Lowndes co.

“ C. S. IVES,..... { Minister of Christ Church, Matagorda,  
Texas.

## **LIST OF THE CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS IN CONVENTION.**

Rev. S. S. LEWIS,	Rev. L. B. WRIGHT,
“ E. M. FORBES,	“ F. R. HANSON,
“ N. P. KNAPP,	“ J. J. SCOTT,
“ WM. B. OTIS,	“ WM. JOHNSON.

## LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

*E. W. PECK,	}	Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
*E. F. COMEGYS,		
C. SNOW,		
*J. H. LINEBAUGH,		
*C. R. HARRISON,	}	Christ Church, Mobile.
WM. M. GARROW,		
J. MARTIN,		
E. HALL,		
*R. M. LIVINGSTON,	}	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.
*I. CROOM,		
*J. H. PARKER,		
*F. G. STICKNEY,		
*Dr. T. WILSON,	}	St. John's Church, Prairies, Greene
*E. G. BENNERS,		
R. C. MACON,		
*R. W. WITHERS,		
J. D. ROYAL,	}	St. John's Church, Montgomery.
*A. C. JONES,		
*F. WILLIAMS,		
C. T. POLLARD,		
W. H. TAYLOR,	}	St. Paul's Church, Selma.
*H. F. STICKNEY,		
G. F. POLLARD,		
*Dr. W. JEFFRIES,		
Dr. J. MORGAN,	}	St. David's Church.
G. BREWER,		
W. WADDELL, Jr.		
J. ELLERBE,		
*N. B. PIGUES,	}	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
*A. W. ELLERBE,		
H. L. ALISON,		
*J. SIMPSON,		
L. E. DAWSON,	}	St. Andrew's Church.
*M. M. FLETCHER,		
*T. H. LANE,		
*A. B. WINN,		
*H. A. TAYLOE,	}	
A. G. VAUGHAN,		

Those marked thus \* were present at the Convention

## JOURNAL.

GREENSBORO', THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1844.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 13th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Rt. Rev. L. POLK, provisional Bishop of the Diocese, not being present, the Rev. L. B. WRIGHT was called to the Chair, and the Rev. N. P. KNAPP appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Roll then being called, the following of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention were found present:

Rev. F. R. HANSON,  
" WM. JOHNSON,  
" L. B. WRIGHT,

Rev. J. J. SCOTT,  
" N. P. KNAPP.

The proper evidence being presented, the Rev. E. M. FORBES took his seat in Convention.

The certificates of Lay Delegates were called for and referred to a committee, who reported that the following persons were elected to represent their respective Congregations:

E. W. PECK,	}	Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
E. F. COMEGYS,		
C. SNOW,		
J. H. LINEBAUGH,		
C. R. HARRISON,		
WM. M. GARROW,	}	Christ Church, Mobile.
J. MARTIN,		
E. HALL,		
R. M. LIVINGSTON,		
I. CROOM,		
J. H. PARKER,	}	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.
F. G. STICKNEY,		
Dr. T. WILSON,		
E. G. BENNERS,		
R. C. MACON,		
R. W. WITHERS,	}	St. John's Church, Prairies, Greene co.
J. D. BOYD,		
A. C. JONES,		
F. WILLIAMS,		
C. T. POLLARD,		
W. H. TAYLOR,	}	St. John's Church, Montgomery.
H. F. STICKNEY,		
G. F. POLLARD,		

Dr. W. JEFFRIES,	}	St. Paul's Church, Selma,
Dr. J. MORGAN,		
G. BREWER,		
W. WADDELL, Jr.		
J. ELLERBE,	}	St. David's Church.
N. B. PIQUES,		
A. W. ELLERBE,		
H. L. ALISON,		
J. SIMPSON,	}	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
L. E. DAWSON,		
M. M. FLETCHER,		
T. H. LANE,		
A. B. WINN,	}	St. Andrew's Church.
H. A. TAYLOR,		
A. G. VAUGHAN,		

Of whom the following were present:—

E. W. PECK,	}	Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
E. F. COMEGYS,		
J. H. LINEBAUGH,		
C. R. HARRISON,		
R. M. LIVINGSTON,	}	Christ Church, Mobile.
J. H. PARKER,		
Dr. T. WILSON,		
C. G. BENNERS,		
F. WILLIAMS,	}	St. John's Church, Prairies, Greene co.
H. F. STICHNEY,		
Dr. WM. JEFFRIES,		
N. B. PIGUEJ,		
A. W. ELLERBE,	}	St. David's Church.
J. SIMPSON,		
T. H. LAND,		
H. A. TAYLOR,		
	}	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
	}	St. Andrew's Church.

The Convention was declared to be properly organized, and, on motion, the members proceeded to the election of President and Secretary, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. L. B. WRIGHT, President, and the Rev. E. M. FORBES, Secretary.

A recess was then taken for divine service. The prayers were read by the Rev. Wm. B. ORIS, and the lessons by the Rev. F. R. HANSON; the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. SCOTT, from Romans, xiii. c. last clause of the 6th v.

After service, the Convention met. The Rules of order of 1843 were adopted. The committee on the admission of new parishes reported in favor of the application of St. David's Church, Dallas county; St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and St. Andrew's Church, Marengo county. Which report being accepted, the following delegates took their seats as members of the Convention.



T. H. LANE,	}	St. Andrew's Church.
A. B. WINN,		
H. A. TAYLOR,		
J. ELLERBE,	}	St. David's Church.
A. W. ELLERBE,		
N. B. FIGUES,		
J. SIMPSON,		St. Paul's Church.

On motion, the rules of order being suspended, for the purpose of electing a Standing Committee, on counting the votes, the following persons were duly elected.

Rev. S. S. LEWIS,	}	of the Clergy.
" F. R. HANSON,		
" J. J. SCOTT,		
and Messrs. J. H. PARKER,	}	of the Laity.
E. W. PECK,		
T. W. MCCOY,		

The following resolution was then offered by the Rev. N. P. Knapp:

*Resolved*, That in order to facilitate the business of receiving Ministers into this Diocese, who may present letters dismissory from the Ecclesiastical authority of other Dioceses, the authority which has been given to the Rt. Rev. L. POLK, D. D. Bishop of Louisiana, as provisional Bishop of this Diocese, be now revoked, and that the Bishop be informed of the object of this resolution.

This resolution having been adopted, the Standing Committee announced to the Convention that the Rev. W. B. OTIS had presented letters from the Rt. Rev. L. S. IVES, Bishop of North Carolina, and was now admitted into ecclesiastical connection with this Diocese, and entitled to a seat in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to half past 4 o'clock.

4½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, it was resolved that all clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be present and not entitled to seats in the Convention, be invited to attend its deliberations.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

*Committee on the state of the Church*—Rev. N. P. Knapp, Rev. F. R. Hanson, and Rev. Wm. B. Otis.

*Committee on Finance*—Messrs. Jeffries, Croom, Tayloe, Withers, Stickney, and Livingston.

*Committee on unfinished business*—Rev. Wm. Johnson, and Mr. Linebaugh.

The following Report was made by the Standing Committee, and accepted.

The Standing Committee present the following abstract of their proceedings since the last Convention:

At a meeting held in Mobile, on the 20th of February, 1843, the

Rev. Samuel S. LEWIS was chosen President, and the Rev. J. J. SCOTT, Secretary, for the ensuing year. At the same meeting, the Rev. J. J. SCOTT, Minister of St. James' Church, Livingston, was appointed to "Preach the next Convention Sermon," and the Rev. JAMES YOUNG, Minister of Trinity Church, Florence, and St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, his substitute.

At a meeting held at Arcola, Marengo county, 13th of May, the President being unable to attend, the Rev. J. E. Sawyer, was called to the Chair:—whereupon, the testimonials in behalf of the Rev. JOHN PRENTIS KEWLY HENSHAW, D. D. Bishop elect of the Diocese of Rhode Island, were examined and found to be regular and canonical, and consent was given to his consecration."

A true abstract from the minutes.

J. J. SCOTT, Secretary.

The report of the committee appointed by the last Convention for the purpose of forming a Constitution for a Diocesan Missionary Society, was called for, and not being prepared, the subject was postponed until tomorrow.

The following substitute for the 5th Article of the Constitution was adopted:

Article 5. "In Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate as one body: But if it be required by two clergymen, or by the delegation of two parishes, the two orders shall vote separately; in which case, each clergyman shall cast one vote, and the delegation of each parish one vote, and a majority of the votes of each order, thus cast, concurring, shall be decisive. In electing a Bishop, the laity shall vote by parishes, as herein provided."

The Convention adjourned until tomorrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

In the evening, divine service was performed. Rev. WM. B. OTIS read prayers; and a sermon was preached by Rev. WM. JOHNSON.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayers by the President, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee on the formation of a Diocesan Missionary Society, made the following Report, which was accepted.\*

The Parochial Reports were read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.†

The Convention then took a recess for Divine service. Prayers were read by the Rev. WM. JOHNSON, the lessons by the Rev. WM. B. OTIS, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. N. P. KNAPP, from Hebrews, ii. c. 3 v.

After Divine service, the Convention being called to order, the election of delegates to the General Convention took place, and on counting the votes, the following persons were found elected:

\* See Appendix, No. 1. † See Appendix, No. 2.

Rev. S. S. LEWIS,	}	of the Clergy.
" J. J. SCOTT,		
" N. P. KNAPP,		
" WM. B. OTIS,		
and Messrs. M. J. CONLY,	}	of the Laity.
J. H. PARKER,		
W. H. GREEN,		
C. POLLARD,		

Notice was then given to the Convention, by the Rev. J. J. Scott, of a resolution to change the 4th Canon.

The following resolution was offered by the Hon. E. W. PECK, and adopted.

Resolved, That this Convention will at ten o'clock tomorrow morning proceed to the election of a Bishop for this Diocese.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following Report, which was accepted.

"The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that from an examination of the Parochial Reports which have been submitted to them, they are enabled to represent the Diocese as steadily growing in strength, and developing its resources in a degree far surpassing their expectations. The number of official acts reported by the Ministers of Parishes long since established, greatly exceed those of the past year, and the contributions which have been made, for Missionary and other religious purposes, show either an enlarged zeal for the cause of Christ and the Church, or a higher degree of prosperity in those who, hitherto warmly interested in that cause, have been comparatively under the restraint of pecuniary embarrassment. In either case, they deem it a good promise of a liberal support of any enterprise which the Diocese may judiciously undertake, especially that of providing for its permanent Episcopal supervision. Several new parishes have been received into union with the Convention at this session, from which we may reasonably expect some aid in the work of completing our organization. One parish that was at the last Convention, and had been for three years without a Minister, has recently revived, and is now in a very encouraging condition. And on the whole, the spiritual welfare of the Diocese is such as to call forth an expression of devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church.

The statistics of the Diocese are as follows:—Baptisms, 148; Confirmations, 69; Funerals, 54; Marriages, 28; Communicants, 349. Sunday School—Teachers, 37; Scholars, 187. Contributions for Missionary and other religious purposes, \$2411.05.

All which is respectfully submitted.

N. P. KNAPP, Chairman."

The Report of the Committee on Finance was read and received.

"The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the accounts of the late Treasurer, and find them to be correct.—According to his accounts, there remains the sum of \$34.61, Alabama money, which has been paid over to his successor.

The Committee have assessed the different Parishes in the Diocese in the following manner;

Christ Church, Mobile,	- - - - -	\$40 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,	- - - - -	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	- - - - -	5 00
St. John's Church, in the Prairies,	- - - - -	5 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	- - - - -	10 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	- - - - -	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	- - - - -	5 00
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes,	- - - - -	5 00
Christ Church, Wetumpka,	- - - - -	5 00
Trinity Church, Lafayette,	- - - - -	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlolville,	- - - - -	5 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	}	5 00
Trinity Church, Florence,		
St. James' Church, Livingston,	- - - - -	5 00
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,	- - - - -	5 00
Christ Church, Hayneville,	- - - - -	5 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	- - - - -	5 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	- - - - -	5 00
St. David's Church, Dallas co.	- - - - -	5 00

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\$135 00

As it is necessary that the amounts above assessed should be promptly paid to meet the necessary expenses, your committee recommend that the delegations of the several parishes pay over to the Treasurer the amount of their assessment before the adjournment of this Convention, or as soon after as convenient.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. S. JEFFRIES, Chairman."

On motion of the Rev. N. P. Knapp, the Convention proceeded to the election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. N. P. KNAPP, of the Clergy, and of Mr. M. J. CONLY, of the Laity.

The following persons were elected the Committee on Diocesan Missions:—Rev. J. J. SCOTT and Rev. E. M. FORBES, of the Clergy, and Messrs. E. W. PECK and M. J. CONLY, of the Laity.

Rev. N. P. Knapp gave notice to the Convention that on the morrow he would propose the following substitute for the 4th article of the Constitution:

"Article 4. The Convention shall be composed of all Ministers in ecclesiastical connection with the Diocese who may at stated

times officiate in any congregation therein, or who may be connected with any incorporated Institution of learning in the Diocese, or who may have become disabled in the discharge of the duties of the Ministry in this Diocese."

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Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rt. Rev. L. POLK, D. D. Bishop of Louisiana, for the efficient aid which he has kindly rendered this Diocese as provisional Bishop of the same, with the assurance of their high sense of the generous self-denial with which the Episcopal supervision thereof has been attended.

The resolution to change the 4th Canon was brought up and lost.

The proposed substitute for the 4th article of the Constitution was discussed, and laid over for the action of the next Convention.

The time having arrived for the election of a Bishop, on motion, it was *Resolved*, that before the Convention proceed to the election of a Bishop, silence be observed for a few minutes, to afford opportunity to the members to engage in prayer to the great Head of the Church for direction in this important business.

The Clergy then retired, and proceeded according to article 5th to the election. On counting the votes, it was found that the Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. of Ohio, was unanimously chosen for the nomination. This nomination being conveyed to the Laity, they reported through their committee that they unanimously concurred in the same:—Whereupon, the Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. was declared by the President to be duly elected to the Bishoprick of Alabama.

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On motion, it was further resolved, that the Secretary be directed to inform the Rev. Dr. Cobbs of his election to the Episcopate, and to transmit to him a copy of the foregoing resolution; together with the provision made for his support.

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## APPENDIX, No. 1.

## REPORT.

The committee appointed at the last Convention, to enquire into the expediency of originating a Diocesan Missionary Society, and if deemed expedient, to report to the present Convention suitable measures to carry the same into effect, do respectfully report to the Convention,—That they have endeavored to give that examination to the subject which its importance demands. Of the value and importance of such a society they think there can be no difference of opinion; the only question with them is, the expediency of originating such a society at the present time, and even so long as we may be destitute of an Episcopal head, to give efficiency to, and thereby to ensure success in, its operations. Your committee regard nearly the whole of our large Diocese as strictly Missionary ground as any portion of our wide-spread country; and hence, they feel the deep importance, and if practicable, the necessity and expediency of introducing some more efficient operations than we now have. They have been assured that there are Episcopal families scattered throughout the whole Diocese, some of whom we are losing to the Church annually, from their having despaired of ever receiving the visits and instructions of the Ministers of their own Church.

Now, from the existence of facts such as these, your committee are firmly of the opinion that if a few Missionaries could be entirely employed in the service of the Society, so that they might explore every county, town, neighborhood, and family in the Diocese, where parishes are not already organized, catechise and baptise children, and preach the Word to any number of persons who would assemble any where for that purpose, and from house to house; organize churches, and assist the Ecclesiastical authority in securing for them the regular ministrations of the Gospel,—that no measure, next to the possession of a Bishop of the same character, will be so likely, under God, to build up our Apostolic Church. And they fully believe that congregations, and the means of sustaining clergymen, might be organized and procured more rapidly than suitable men to occupy such parishes could be obtained. To give an impulse to the object thus to be gained, and to excite a Missionary spirit among the brethren, generally, your committee are prepared to recommend the appointment, first, of one

general Missionary, who (under the control and instructions of the Ecclesiastical authority) shall visit every portion of the Diocese, record the names of Episcopal families wherever he might find them not in communion with existing parishes, baptise their children, &c., and encourage them with the hope, that by proper exertions on their part, they might soon enjoy the services of the Church at regular periods, and do all other things in accordance with his Missionary character. Thus new congregations will be gradually built up throughout the Diocese, and whenever one or two parishes felt able, with or without assistance in the support of a clergyman, the general Missionary should then give up those parishes, and extend his services to other new places. But to carry on this work, and to begin with only one Missionary, will require money to pay his salary and necessary expenses, which must be raised by the Diocese at large, and hence the Convention will see the necessity of adopting some method by which the required sum will certainly be procured. How that can be done,—whether by taking up parochial collections at regular periods, or by individual subscriptions,—your committee leave with the Convention to determine. If the Society be organized, it is to be hoped that efficient measures will be adopted to carry into practical operation the objects of the Society at once, and not to leave the means unprovided, as has been the case heretofore, under similar organizations. A liberal appropriation must be made, in order to secure the services of a suitable man for such a work. We want a man full of Apostolic zeal, and fired with the spirit of that love and devotion to the souls of men which animated the hearts and strengthened the physical energies of the first Evangelists and Missionaries, and with God's blessing, success will be certain to attend us; and in a short time, instead of one, some five or six Missionaries may be in the service of the Society.

Your committee will only add, in conclusion, that they are not only fully persuaded of the importance of the plan thus proposed for the future spiritual prosperity of the Parish, but also of its expediency, provided the requisite funds are raised; the mode of doing which they leave to the Convention to determine, and to enable the Convention to give efficiency to the Society, they recommend the adoption of the following Constitution:

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Art. 8. The Missionary Committee may provide at some convenient point or points within the Diocese, a supply of prayer-books, tracts, and such other books of approved character as may be calculated to aid their Missionary or Missionaries in the attainment of their object."

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The subject of Missions, which is the very spirit of the Gospel, is constantly gaining favor in this Congregation, and which, the Minister regards as one of the best evidences of the growth of spiritual religion in the Parish. A heathen youth can be supported for \$25 per annum, including every expense; and for \$250, a sum less than the passage-money of a Missionary from this country to China, a Chinese boy can be completely educated for the Ministry. It will keep him at school ten years. One gentleman of the parish gave \$350 for the education of one such boy. The Boy's Missionary Society, composed chiefly of the scholars of the Sunday School, have contributed \$25 for the first year's education of one such Chinese youth, and they are, also, about to educate in the same way, at the same expense, an Indian boy. The girl's Missionary Society, composed chiefly of the female scholars of the Sunday School, have contributed the same amount for the support of an African girl. They will contribute these sums (at least) annually, until the heathen youths taken by them are qualified to teach others; and from present indications, I doubt not that several children more will be supported in the same way by individual members of the Parish. Such acts require no comment: The services of the Church have been fully and regularly maintained throughout the year; that is, two services on Sunday, prayers every Wednesday morning, and the full service with a Lecture on every Friday night. The greater Festivals and Fasts of the Church, in particular, have been specially observed. During the Minister's sickness and absence of six months, last summer, the Rev. N. P. Knapp officiated the greater part of the time. The Sunday School continues as flourishing as in years past, and the colored children of the parish, as many as can be assembled, continue to be taught every Sunday afternoon, throughout the year.

Pages might be written upon the various modes of doing good, practised by many of the young persons of the Parish, and in detailing interesting incidents of a religious character, of the influence of the Gospel upon the minds of the old and young,—but the Minister will close his report, by simply expressing his devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the uniformly kind manner in which his beloved parishioners have sustained him, in sickness and in health, and for the general prosperity, both temporal and spiritual, which have attended the Parish through the last year.

SAMUEL S. LEWIS.

Mobile, April 24, 1844.

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#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Soon after the meeting of the last Convention, the present Minister of this Parish, then having charge of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, left the Diocese on a visit to the North, impelled by circum-

stances of a domestic character, where he remained till the latter part of June. On the 5th of July, he resigned the parochial charge which he had held for five years, and accepted an appointment as the substitute of Rev. S. S. Lewis, Minister of Christ Church, Mobile, then travelling for his health, till the 15th of November. In that capacity he was constantly occupied, except when disabled by a severe attack of the epidemic fever which made such frightful ravages in the city. During that temporary engagement, besides the usual services at Church, he officiated at 16 funerals, and one baptism, (and one marriage.)

On the 11th of November, he was invited to take the pastoral care of St. John's Church, Montgomery, and promptly accepted the invitation. After an absence of six weeks, on a voyage to Cuba, he was able to resume his ministerial labors, and on the 21st of January entered upon the duties of his present charge. The Parish had been without a Minister for four years. But the scattered flock have returned to the fold, and the condition of the parish is very encouraging. The Church pews are all rented and well filled.

Divine service, with preaching of the word of life, has been held twice on Sundays and once on Good Friday. The Church has, also, been opened for prayers on Wednesday mornings during Lent, on which occasions the attendance has been good. The Lord's Supper has been administered once a month, and the usual offerings gathered.

A Sunday School has been opened, under the direction of the Minister, which promises much usefulness. Its organization was greatly facilitated by the zeal and energy of a Lady, who has since been removed from the Church on earth, and to whose memory he, who had hoped much from her pious example and her self-denying labors, would now pay mournful tribute. God has called her to her glorious reward.

The Statistics of the Parish are as follows:

Families belonging to the Parish, - - - - -	24
Communicants, (1 died,) - - - - -	15
Baptism, infant, - - - - -	1
Funerals, - - - - -	3
Marriages, - - - - -	0
Sunday School—Teachers, - - - - -	4
Pupils, - - - - -	20
Communion Collections, - - - - -	\$25 47

NATH. P. KNAPP.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA.

Baptisms—Infants, 9; adults, 3; (1 by immersion.)

Deaths—1 infant.

Communicants—20.

Sunday School—Scholars, 36; Teachers, 7.

Upon the visitation of a Bishop, there will be probably twelve or more candidates for confirmation.

Prayer Books distributed, about 20.

The present Rector entered upon the duties of this Parish in December last; since which time there has been a steady increase of the Congregation, and from present indications it seems to be in a prosperous condition.

The vestry have recently resolved to erect a Building on the Church lot, for the accommodation of the clergyman.

WM. B. OTIS.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.

Baptisms—Infants, 11; adults, 2;	13
Burials,	1
Confirmed,	9
Communicants—Former number,	13
Removed from the Parish,	1
Added,	5
Present number,	17
Contribution to the General Missionary Society,	\$61 69½

L. B. WRIGHT.

Selma, April 25, 1844.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

Baptisms—Infants, white 6, colored 11; adults 1,	18
Confirmations,	3
Marriages—White 3, colored 2,	5
Burials,	3
Communicants—No. in last report,	30
No. added,	4
Present number,	37

No. of Families, about 20

Sunday School for col'd people—Teachers, 2 male, 2 female, 4

On the 8th of March, 1843, Bishop Polk consecrated our Church edifice.

On the morning of the two Sundays, in the month spent at St. James' Church, I have performed the usual public services and preached, and in the afternoon of one of those days, the "Evening Prayer" being ended and a psalm sung, I have proceeded to instruct the children of the parish, according to the requisition of the first rubric at the end of the Catechism, and on the alternate Sunday evening I have proceeded likewise to the instruction of the servants of my parishioners, and others who have attended, under the character of the poor of Christ's flock.

On both these occasions, while I have adhered strictly to the let-





I am now engaged to take entire charge of this parish as soon as my engagement with St. Peter's expires. The prospect here is quite encouraging.

Since I have been officiating at St. David's, I have had—

	<i>white.</i>	<i>colored.</i>
Baptisms—2 adults, 9 infants,	11	1

The present number of communicants is 9

On account of the great inconvenience of administering the communion in the house of which we were making a temporary use, it has been administered but once.

WM. JOHNSON, Minister.

## APPENDIX, No. 3.

Diocese of Alabama, in account with J. E. SAWYER, Treasurer.

Dr. April, 1843.

To enclosed bill and receipt of Dade & Thompson,	\$ cts.
for printing Journal, - - - - -	42 00
To postage,—April, 25 cts.; May, 56½, - - - - -	81½

\$42 81½

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By assessments of Christ Church, Mobile, - - - - -	50 00
" St. John's Church, in the Prairies, - - - - -	7 50
" St. Paul's Church, Selma, - - - - -	5 00
" St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', - - - - -	7 50
" Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, - - - - -	12 50
and Trinity Church, Demopolis, paid - - - - -	5 00

(The remaining Parishes being still in arrears.)

\$87 50

Thus showing a balance due the Convention of thirty-four dollars and sixty-one cents, which is herewith enclosed.

J. E. SAWYER, Treasurer.

Mobile, April 27, 1844.



THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Religion and Piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity the advantages of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this CONSTITUTION:

**ARTICLE 1.** This Church hereby accedes to the authority of, and recognises and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

**ARTICLE 2.** There shall be an annual convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall have been designated by the next preceding Convention.

**ARTICLE 3.** The Bishop, or if the Episcopate be vacant, the Standing Committee, shall have power, when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a Special Convention, by a circular letter to the several Churches. There shall not be less than eight weeks' notice previous to the day appointed, and such meeting shall be holden where the authority calling it shall determine, and at such Special Convention no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

**ARTICLE 4.** The Convention shall be composed of all Ministers of this Church in regular standing, who may at stated times, officiate in any congregation in this Diocese, and of Lay members, consisting of a delegation from each Parish.

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**ARTICLE 7.** The Bishop of the Church in this State shall be *ex officio* President of the Convention, and in case of his absence, or if there be no Bishop, a President *pro tempore* shall be elected from among the clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall also be, *ex officio*, Treasurer, shall be annually chosen; who shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings, and also a correct account of all moneys he may receive, to be annually submitted to the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give a written notice to every clergyman and parish in the Diocese of the time and place of meeting of every Convention.

**ARTICLE 8.** The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three clergymen and three laymen, shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention, for the purpose expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. Vacancies in the committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.—Two clerical members and one lay member of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE 9.** Every Convention shall be opened with prayer and a Sermon; and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, and if there be no Bishop of the Diocese, by the Standing Committee.

**ARTICLE 10.** A proposition to alter this Constitution must be made in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the Convention. It shall then lie over to the next Convention, and then, if approved by a majority of the two orders of the clergy and laity, (voting separately) the amendment shall become part of the Constitution.

# CANONS

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### DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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#### CANON 1.

##### OF THE VESTRY OF A CHURCH.

**Sec. 1.** In every Church of this Diocese, there shall be an annual election on Easter Monday, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than five, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of these Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens; one of whom shall be designated, by appointment, the Senior Warden of the Parish.

The Vestry shall elect a Secretary, whose duty shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings—attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and documents belonging to the Parish that may be in his possession.

**Sec. 2.** In electing a Vestry, no person shall be entitled to vote who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association; or who is not a holder or renter of one entire Pew; and when two or more persons shall hold or rent a Pew, they shall be entitled jointly to one vote. In those Parishes in which there are no Pews held or rented, no individual shall be entitled to vote who is not a contributor to the Church, to such an amount as the respective Parishes shall appoint.

**Sec. 3.** No person shall be elected a Vestryman who is not a Pew-holder, or a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected.

**Sec. 4.** It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate all its temporal concerns, elect and call a minister and provide for his maintenance; to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine Worship, and in general, to act as helpers to the Minister, in whatever is appropriate to laymen, for the furtherance of the Gospel: it being understood always, that the *spiritual concerns* of the Church are under the exclusive direction of the Minister, in subordination to the ecclesiastical authority and laws of the Diocese.

It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially, to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister, and while the Church is destitute of a Minister to provide for the celebration of public worship and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit.

(Parishes now incorporated are excepted from any parts of this Canon interfering with their articles of association or by-laws.)

#### CANON II.

##### OF ADMITTING A CHURCH OR PARISH INTO UNION WITH THIS DIOCESE.

No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Diocese unless the Articles of Association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to the Convention by a clerical or lay member thereof.

And no Parish or Church shall be entitled to a lay delegation, until any assessment made by the Convention shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Convention.

#### CANON III.

##### OF A QUORUM IN CONVENTION.

Three members of the clerical order, and a delegate or delegates of the lay order from four churches, shall, together, constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

#### CANON IV.

##### OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION, AND REQUISITES FOR THE ADMISSION OF LAY DELEGATES.

It shall be the duty of all clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention, to attend the same, and of every Church or congregation in union with this Diocese, to send a number (not exceeding five) of lay delegates to the Convention; who shall be chosen by the Vestry from the communicants of the Church, if possible, or from such persons, of good moral character, as are entitled to vote in the election of Vestrymen.

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**ARTICLE 7.** The Bishop of the Church in this State shall be *ex officio* President of the Convention, and in case of his absence, or if there be no Bishop, a President *pro tempore* shall be elected from among the clerical members present. A Secretary, who shall also be, *ex officio*, Treasurer, shall be annually chosen; who shall keep a correct journal of the proceedings, and also a correct account of all moneys he may receive, to be annually submitted to the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give a written notice to every clergyman and parish in the Diocese of the time and place of meeting of every Convention.

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**ARTICLE 10.** A proposition to alter this Constitution must be made in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the Convention. It shall then lie over to the next Convention, and then, if approved by a majority of the two orders of the clergy and laity, (voting separately) the amendment shall become part of the Constitution.

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It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially, to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister, and while the Church is destitute of a Minister to provide for the celebration of public worship and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit.

(Parishes now incorporated are excepted from any parts of this Canon interfering with their articles of association or by-laws.)

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##### OF ADMITTING A CHURCH OR PARISH INTO UNION WITH THIS DIOCESE.

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And no Parish or Church shall be entitled to a lay delegation, until any assessment made by the Convention shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Convention.

#### CANON III.

##### OF A QUORUM IN CONVENTION.

Three members of the clerical order, and a delegate or delegates of the lay order from four churches, shall, together, constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

#### CANON IV.

##### OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION, AND REQUISITES FOR THE ADMISSION OF LAY DELEGATES.

It shall be the duty of all clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention, to attend the same, and of every Church or congregation in union with this Diocese, to send a number (not exceeding five) of lay delegates to the Convention; who shall be chosen by the Vestry from the communicants of the Church, if possible, or from such persons, of good moral character, as are entitled to vote in the election of Vestrymen.

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**Sec. 2.** In conformity to canon 7th, 1835, of the General Convention, on this subject, he shall transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention of this Diocese, (as well as of any charge or pastoral letter recently published,) and to the General Convention, a certificate of the appointment of clerical and lay delegates.

He shall forward to the Treasurer of the General Convention, on or before any meeting thereof, seventy-five cents for each clergyman within this Diocese, according to the provision of canon 10, 1830, for defraying the expenses of the General Convention—such sums to be charged to the Diocese, in his account as Treasurer of the Convention.

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#### OF PARISH REGISTERS AND REPORTS.

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This Register shall be kept by the Minister, in a book to be provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry of each Church; which book shall be called the Parish Register, and shall be considered as a part of the Records of the Parish.

**Sec. 2.** In addition to the Register above named, the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure; specifying the time when the former became com-

communicants of the Church under his charge, and whether by removal from some other Parish, or otherwise.

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church to be designated by him, (always within the Diocese,) which shall, for that purpose, be open to all persons who may choose to attend; and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop (if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it) may grant a new trial to the accused; in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

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Sec. 12. If a clergyman presented, shall confess the truth of the charges contained in the presentment, before the appointment of a Board for his trial, it shall be the duty of the Bishop of the Diocese, (or of the Bishop to whom the matter shall have been referred by the clerical members aforesaid,) to proceed to pass sentence, in the manner above specified, as soon as may be convenient after proper notice of such confession.

#### CANON XVI.

##### OF ALTERATIONS IN THE CANONS AND ADDITIONS THERETO.

No proposed alteration of, or addition to the canons, shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice thereof be given in open Convention; nor, unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to and reported upon by at least two Presbyters and two Laymen. Nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted, during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein; but, in such case, the same, unless negatived by a majority of the members present, shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

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SEC. 2. A presentment being made in any of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, (or the clerical members aforesaid, if there be no Bishop,) may dismiss it if the facts charged shall not appear to him (or them) to constitute an offence; or if it allege facts some of which do, and some of which do not constitute an offence, he (or they) may allow it in part, and dismiss the residue, or may allow it to be amended.

When it shall be allowed, in whole or in part, the Bishop, (or the clerical members aforesaid,) shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused, and shall also nominate six Presbyters, (if there be six in the Diocese,) and if there be not six in the Diocese, then any number more than three, who shall be entitled to seats in the Convention, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within *thirty days* after such service, select three of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop, (or clerical members aforesaid): and if he shall not give such notification within the said *thirty days*, the Bishop, (or clerical members aforesaid,) shall select three; and in either case, the three selected Presbyters shall constitute a Board for the trial of the accused.

SEC. 3. The Board shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop, (or, if there be no Bishop, the clerical members aforesaid,) shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, (within the Diocese) as they shall think necessary.

SEC. 4. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served at least *thirty days* before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment, and upon such person as may be appointed to conduct the prosecution.

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SEC. 7. When the Board proceed to trial, they shall hear such evidence as may be produced, and shall cause the oral testimony

to be written down by the Secretary, and together with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved, and shall cause a full record to be kept of their proceedings.

The President shall be authorised, at the desire of either party, to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses; and the examination of the witnesses, and all the proceedings of the trial, shall be in public, if desired by the accused, and *not otherwise*.

No lay man shall be permitted to *advocate* for either party in the trial, though both parties may, at their option, *consult* legal or other advisers.

Sec. 8. Application being made to the Bishop, (or clerical members aforesaid, if there be no Bishop,) by either party, shewing satisfactorily that any material witness cannot be procured upon the trial, he (or they) may appoint some clergyman or lay man, as commissioner to take the testimony of such witness; and the party so applying shall give to the other party, at least *six* days notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than *forty* miles from the place of examination, one day's notice shall be given for every *twenty* miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness; and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the commissioners, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Board; and shall be received by them as evidence.

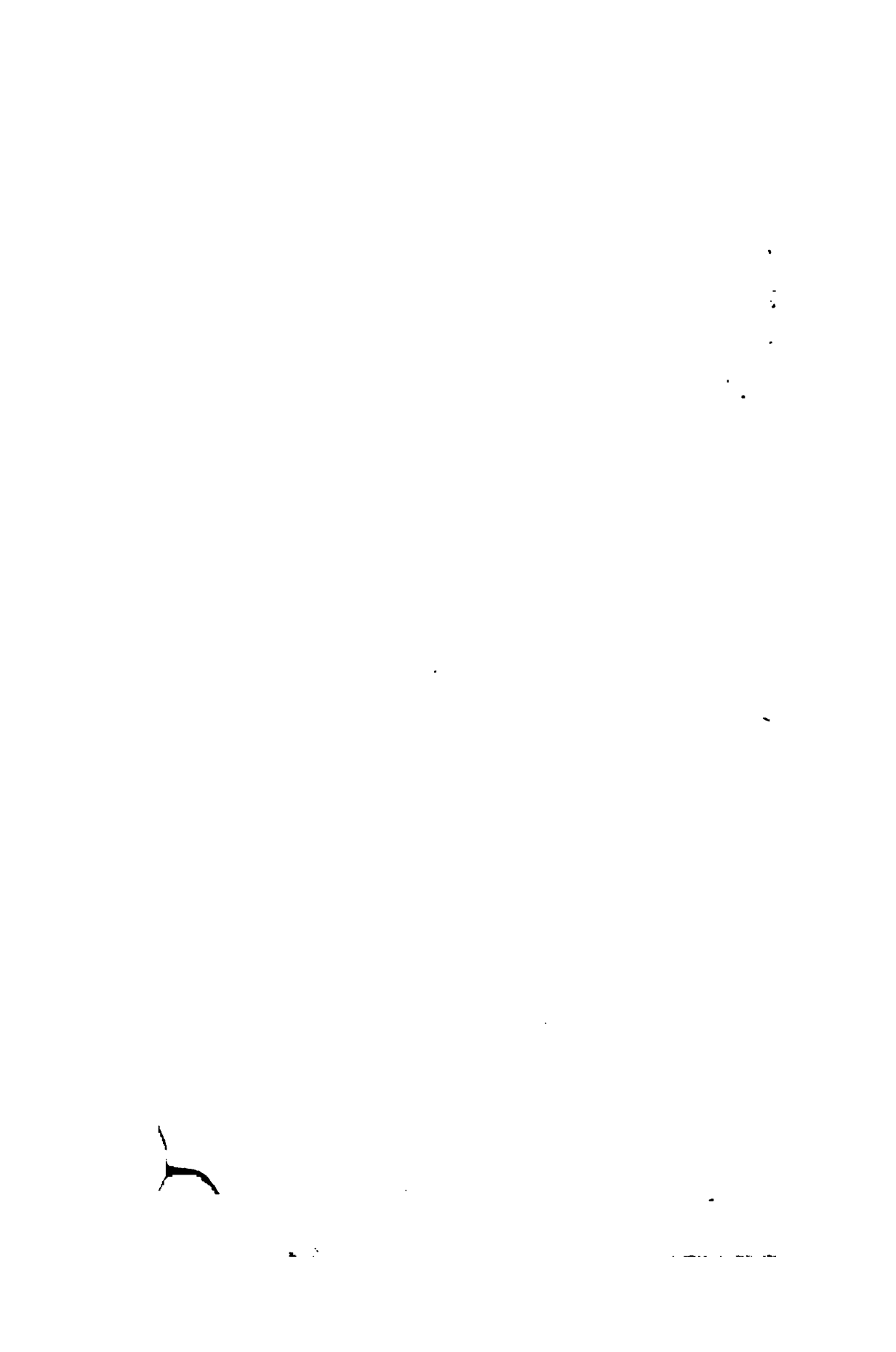
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Sec. 9. The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, in a writing signed by the *whole Board*, if the accused *be declared guilty*, or by a majority of them, if otherwise,—distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively; and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced.

A *copy* of such decision shall be, without delay, communicated to the accused, and also to the persons making the presentment.—And the *original* decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, if there be one, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper: Provided, the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final.

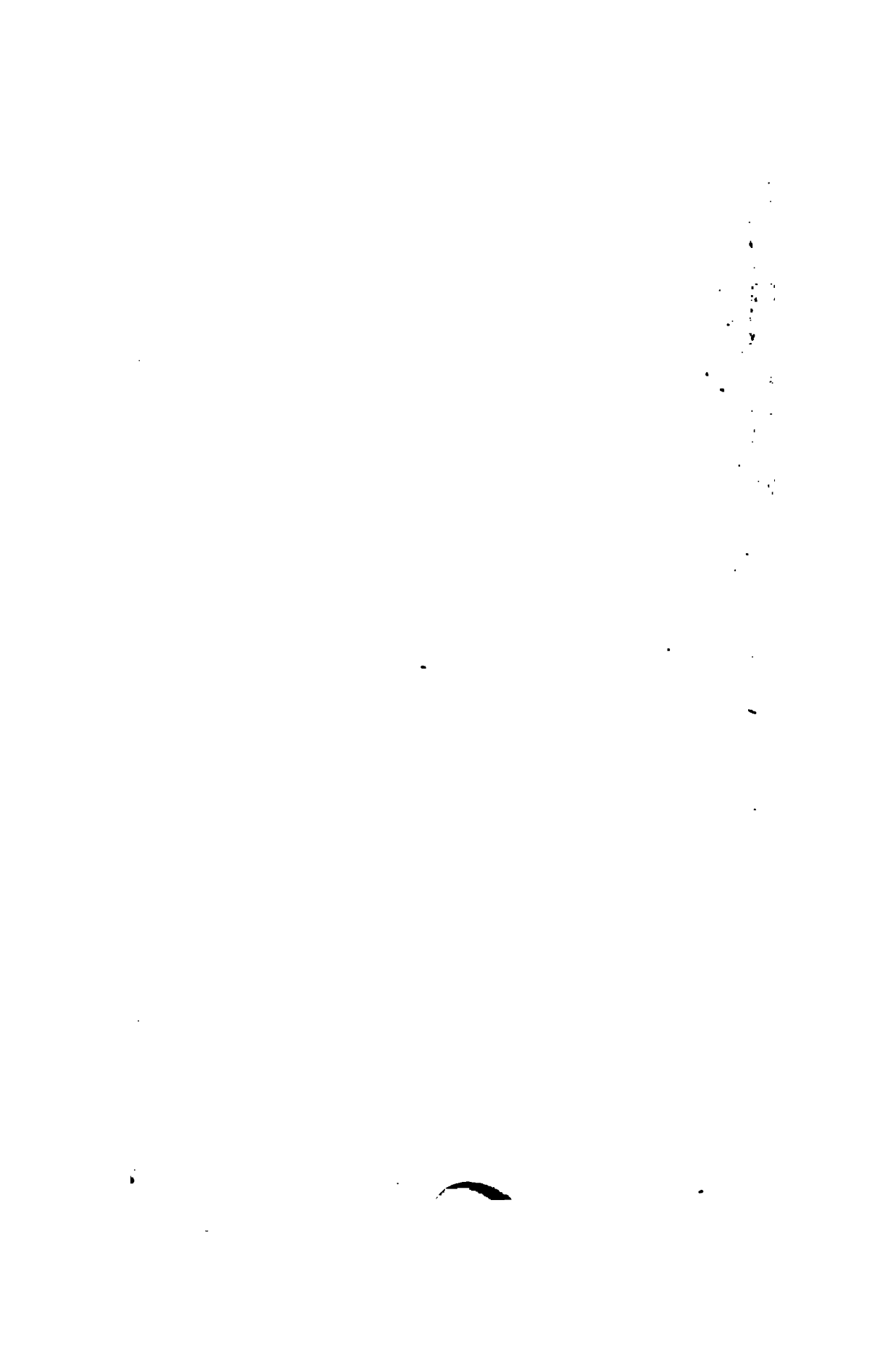
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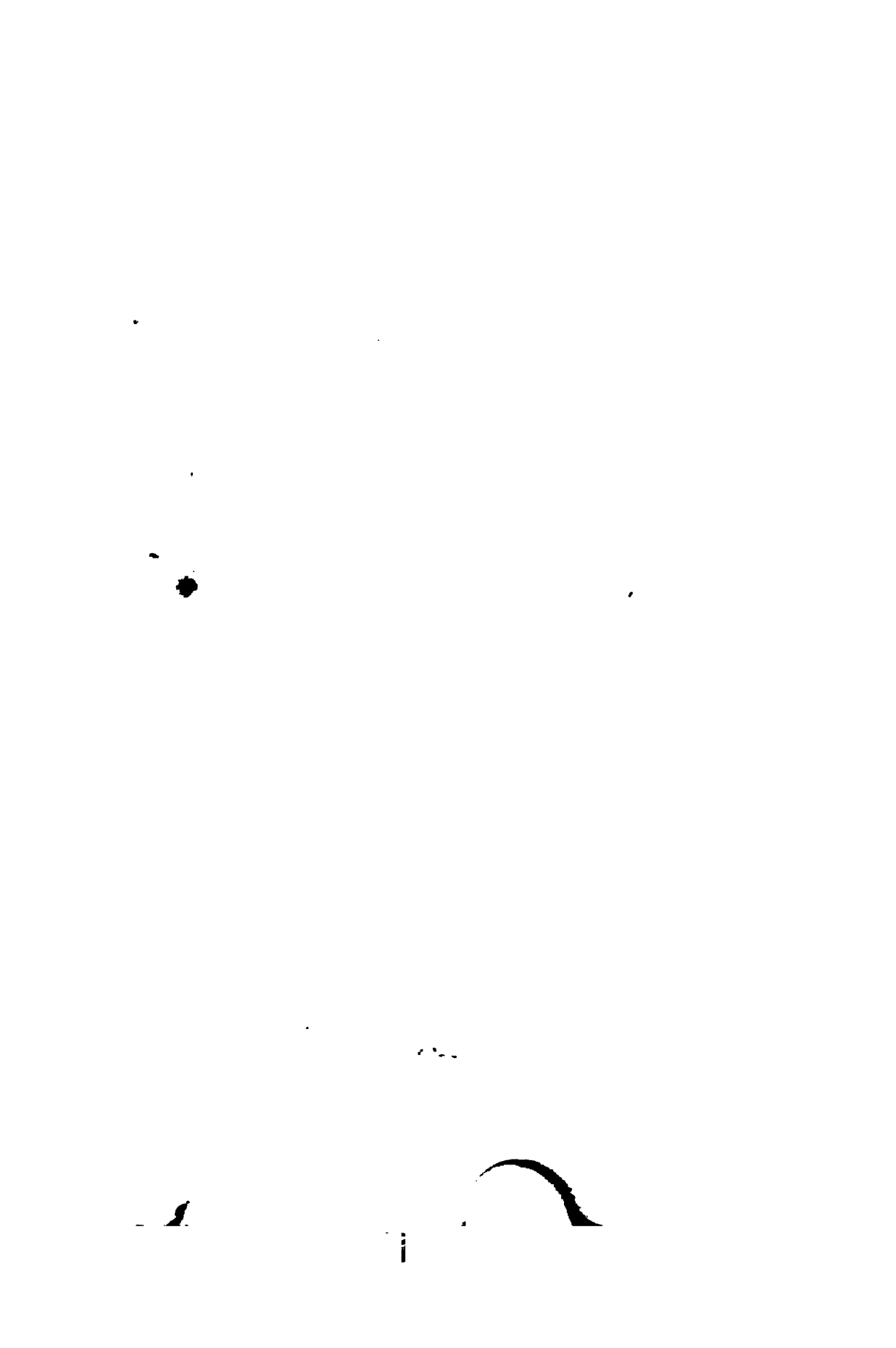
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### IN ATTENDANCE,

**RIGHT REV. NICHOLAS HAMNER COBBS, D.D.,**

**BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, TUSCALOOSA.**

**REV. ETHAN ALLEN**, Rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.  
**REV. JOHN L. GAY**, Minister of St. James', Eufaula.  
**REV. F. R. HANSON**, Rector of St. Andrew's, Macon.  
**REV. WILLIAM JOHNSON**, Minister of St. David's, Dallas.  
**REV. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP**, Rector of St. John's, Montgomery.  
**REV. FRANCIS B. LEE**, Minister of St. Paul's, Carlowville.  
**REV. SAMUEL S. LEWIS**, Minister of Christ Church, Mobile.  
**REV. JOHN H. LINDBAUGH**, Deacon, Minister of St. Stephen's, Eutaw.  
**REV. J. A. MASSEY**, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Mobile.  
**REV. E. C. MURDAUGH, D'n.**, Minister of Union Parish, Marengo & Perry.  
**REV. J. J. SCOTT**, Minister of St. James', Livingston.  
**REV. LUCIEN B. WRIGHT**, Minister of St. Paul's, Selma.

### NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

**REV. D. BROWN**, Minister of Trinity, Florence, & St. John's, Tuscumbia.  
**REV. THOMAS A. COOK**, residing in Talladega Co.  
**REV. R. G. HAYS**, Deacon, Teaching and officiating in Greensboro'.  
**REV. CALEB S. IVES**, Minister of Christ Church, Matagorda, Texas.  
**REV. F. H. L. LAIRD**, Minister of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.  
**REV. BENJAMIN M. MILLER**, City Missionary, Mobile.  
**REV. JOHN M. ROBERTSON**, of North Carolina, residing near Huntsville.  
**REV. JULIEN E. SAWYER**, residing in Mobile.

## LAY DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE.

ISAAC CROOM.	
TURNER WILSON, M.D.	} St. Paul's, Greensboro', Greene County.
THOMAS WITHERS, M.D.	
C. T. POLLARD,	} St. John's, Montgomery.
JESSE P. TAYLOR,	
HENRY F. STICKNEY,	
JOHN CONLEY.	
EDWARD HALL,	} Christ Church, Mobile.
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EDWARD G. BENNERS.	
FERDINAND WILLIAMS,	St. John's, in the Prairies, Greene County.
THOMAS B. WETMORE,	St. James', Livingston, Sumter County.
J. H. ALLISON, M.D.	St. Paul's, Carlsville, Dallas County.
HENRY A. TAYLOR,	St. Andrew's Macon, Marengo County.
JOHN ELLERBE,	St. David's, Dallas County.
J. W. SMITH,	St. James', Eufaula, Barbour County.

### PARISHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.  
 Trinity Church, Demopolis.  
 St. Paul's, Selma.  
 Christ Church, Wetumpka.  
 St. Peter's, Lowndes County.  
 Trinity, Lafayette, Chambers County.  
 St. John's, Tuscumbia.  
 Trinity, Florence.  
 Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.  
 Christ Church, Hayneville, Lowndes County.  
 Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Counties.  
 St. Stephen's, Eutaw, Greene County.  
 St. Michael's, Marion, Perry County.

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OF

## THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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ASCENSION DAY, MONTGOMERY, May 1, A. D. 1845.

**This** being the day and place for the meeting of the 14th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. John's Church, 10 o'clock, A. M.

**The** Right Rev. N. H. COBBS, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese, took the chair, and opened the meeting with Prayer.

**The** Rev. E. ALLEN was appointed Secretary, *pro tempore*.

**In** accordance with the 9th Canon of this Diocese, the Bishop laid on the table the following list of Clergymen, *canonically* resident in the Diocese.

### LIST OF THE CLERGY

**Belonging** to the Diocese of Alabama, as far as known to the undersigned.

N. H. COBBS, *Bishop of the P. E. C. in Alabama.*

**Rev.** S. S. LEWIS, Minister of Christ Church, Mobile.

**Rev.** N. P. KNAPP, Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.

**Rev.** L. B. WRIGHT, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Selma.

**Rev.** F. R. HANSON, Rector of St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene Co.; and St. Andrew's Church, Marengo Co.

**Rev.** J. J. SCOTT, Minister of St. James' Church, Livingston.

**Rev.** WM. JOHNSON, Minister of St. David's Church, Dallas Co.

**Rev.** F. B. LEE, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, Dallas Co.

**Rev.** E. ALLEN, Rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

**Rev.** J. A. MASSEY, Assistant Minister, Christ Church, Mobile.

**Rev.** F. H. L. LAIRD, Minister of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

**Rev. D. BROWN**, Minister of Trinity Church, Florence.

**Rev. J. E. SAWYER**, residing in Mobile.

**Rev. Ed. C. MURDAUGH**, Deacon, officiating at Woodville,  
Perry Co.

**Rev. J. H. LINEBAUGH**, Deacon, officiating in the Forks of  
Greene, and at Eutaw.

**Rev. R. G. HAYS**, Deacon, residing in Greensboro'.

**Rev. J. L. GAY**, Deacon, officiating at Eufaula.

**Rev. C. S. IVES**, Minister of Christ Church, Matagorda, Texas.

The roll of the Clergy was then called, and the following gentlemen answered to their names :

The Rev. N. P. KNAPP,	The Rev. WM. JOHNSON,
“ “ L. B. WRIGHT,	“ “ F. B. LEE,
“ “ F. R. HANSON,	“ “ E. ALLEN,
“ “ J. J. SCOTT.	“ “ J. L. GAY.

The Rev. Messrs. HANSON, SCOTT and WRIGHT, were appointed a Committee to examine the Certificates of appointment of the Lay Delegates.

The names of the Parishes were then called, and Testimonials of appointment were handed in from the following:

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',  
St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene Co.  
St. James' Church, Livingston,  
St. John's Church, Montgomery,  
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,  
St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo Co. .  
St. David's Church, Dallas Co.

After examination, the Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, made the following Report :

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates have examined the same, and find that the following Parishes have duly appointed the persons herein named their Delegates, to represent them in the present Convention.

F. R. HANSON, *Chairman*,

St. Paul's, Greensboro'—Isaac Croom, Turner Wilson, M.D.,  
Thomas Withers, M.D., Augustus Benners, and F. J. Stickney.

St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene Co.—Ferdinand Williams.

St. John's Church, Livingston—Thomas B. Wetmore,  
R. T. Gibbs, Robert Smith, Le Roy Anderson, and Wm. H. Green.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—Edward Taylor, C. T. Pollard, Jesse P. Taylor, H. F. Stickney, and John Conley.

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville—John Simpson, L. E. Dawson, P. S. H. Lee, M. D., and H. L. Allison, M. D.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo Co.—Asa B. Winn, H. W. Reese, M. M. Fletcher, and Henry A. Tayloe.

St. David's Church, Dallas Co.—John Ellerbe.

On motion, it was *Resolved*; That the Report be accepted.

The names of the Delegates being called, the following persons answered thereto:

ISAAC CROOM,	J. P. TAYLOR,
T. WILSON, M. D.	H. F. STICKNEY,
T. WITHERS, M. D.	J. CONLEY,
FERDINAND WILLIAMS,	J. SIMPSON.
T. B. WETMORE,	H. L. ALLISON, M. D.
C. T. POLLARD,	HENRY A. TAYLOE.
J. ELLERBE,	

The President then declared the Convention duly organized.

The Rev. ETHAN ALLEN was elected Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*; That a Committee of three be appointed to examine and report Rules of Order, and that in the mean time the Rules of the last Convention be adopted:

Col. CROOM, and the Rev. Messrs. JOHNSON and KNAPP were appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*; That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church who may be present during the sittings of this Convention, be hereby admitted to honorary seats.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, the Convention took a recess for Divine Service. The Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. LEE, and the Lessons by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, and the Convention Sermon was then preached by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, from the words—"Thy Kingdom come."

The Service being over, the Convention was called to order by the President. The Rev. J. H. LINEBAUGH appeared and took his seat.

Permission being asked, leave was given the Secretary to appoint an Assistant.—THOMAS B. WETMORE, Esq., was appointed.

On motion, it was *Resolved*; That the Secretary of this Convention be authorized to receive the Assessments of the different Parishes for the Bishop's Fund, to give receipts for the same, and to report to the Convention to-morrow the sums so received from the respective Parishes.

The following Committees were then appointed according to the 3d Rule of Order by the Chair:

*Committee on the Admission of New Parishes*:—The Rev. Mr. SCOTT, Dr. WILSON, and Mr. STICKNEY.

The application for the admission of St. James' Parish, Eufaula, Barbour County, was then presented and referred to the above Committee.

*Committee on the state of the Church*;—Rev. Messrs. WRIGHT, HANSON, LEE, and GAY.

*Committee on Finance*:—Mr. POLLARD, Dr. ALLISON, Mr. ELLERBE, Mr. TAYLOR, Col. CROOM, and Mr. TAYLOR.

*Committee on Unfinished Business*:—The Rev. Mr. LINBAUGH, and Messrs. SIMPSON and SMITH.

The Rev. Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, reported—that having examined the papers on the application of St. James' Parish, Eufaula, they have been found correct. The Committee therefore recommend that the said Parish be received.

On motion, the Report was adopted.

The Committee on Lay Delegates reported that this Parish had appointed as their Delegates, Col. John L. Hunter, Mr. J. W. Smith, Mr. T. De Witt, and Mr. Isaac Powell. Their names being called, Mr. J. W. SMITH appeared and took his seat.

The Convention then adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

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THURSDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met according to adjournment. The roll was called: present as in the morning.

Col. CROOM, from the Committee to whom was referred the examining and reporting Rules of Order, made the following Report:

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Rules of Order for the government of this Convention, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the Rules of Order for 1844, as suitable for the present Convention.

ISAAC CROOM, *Chairman*.

On motion, the Report was adopted.

The following are said Rules :

#### RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1.** The business of the first day of the session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

**RULE 2.** The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, The appointment of a President, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary, *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation; when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them, and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

**RULE 3.** The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.) 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on the state of the Church—the Committee on Finance—the Committee on Unfinished Business. 5 The annual Address of the Bishop, (if there be one, and he be present.) 6. The annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 7. The Reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report to this Convention. 8. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 9. The Election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot. 10. The Election of Delegates to the general Convention, by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

**RULE 4.** When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

**RULE 5.** When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter before the Convention.

**RULE 6.** No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

**RULE 7.** No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Convention.

**RULE 8.** A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two thirds of the Convention: *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move for a re-consideration of the same vote.

**RULE 9.** No motion shall be debated, or be considered as before the Convention, (except a motion to adjourn,) unless seconded, and reduced to writing by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

**RULE 10.** When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

**RULE 11.** A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

**RULE 12.** Every member shall be present, when the question is put, and shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

The Bishop then read his Address, as follows :

Before I proceed to give an account of the affairs of the Diocese, in compliance with the 8th Canon of 1844, I beg leave to say a word in reference to my present position. Although I felt constrained from a sense of duty to accept the solemn and responsible office of Bishop, to which I was called by the voice of this Diocese—and for which expression of confidence I am deeply thankful—yet I must confess, that I come amongst you with many doubts and fears, from an abiding consciousness of my many weaknesses and infirmities. And this I say, not from any affectation of humility, but in the full sincerity of my heart. My simple trust is in the Grace of that God who has promised to give his Holy Spirit to them that ask him ; and who oftentimes, through the feebleness of the instrument, magnifies his own power and wisdom. I shall also look with confidence to the kindness and support of those who have called me to the arduous duties of the Episcopal office. Greatly shall I need their sympathy and their counsel, and most earnestly do I ask the charity of their prayers. If the Apostles, in all the plenitude of their gifts, must ask for the intercession of others, with what propriety and emphasis may we in the present day say to you—“ Brethren pray for us.” As to myself, all that I can promise is this—that as I come amongst you in the spirit of meekness and of fear, I shall be a man of peace; and that my daily prayer shall be offered up in behalf of the Church of this Diocese—that she may spread and flourish, and answer the end of her institution, by promoting the glory of God in the salvation of souls.

Immediately after my consecration, which took place in Christ Church, Philadelphia, on the 20th of October, I made arrangements for entering on my new field of labor, and arrived with my family in Mobile in the last week of November, after having passed through my former fields of labor in Petersburg and Bedford county, Virginia, and in Cincinnati, Ohio,—and receiving from my much loved Parishioners such manifestations of respect and attachment as can never be forgotten as long as life shall last. In the county of Bedford, Virginia, at the request of Bishop MEADE, I administered the rite of Confirmation to twelve persons, and Consecrated a new Church.

Shortly after my arrival in Mobile, I was notified by the Presiding Bishop to attend the Trial of Bishop BENJ. T. ONDERDONK, in the city of New York. Owing to the great distance of that city—the inclemency of the season—the late period at which the letter of the Presiding Bishop was received—and the pressing necessity of providing a home for my family—I was prevented from complying with the notice.

Sunday, 1st December, 1844—Preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and assisted the Rector, the Rev. Mr. LEWIS, in the administration of the Lord's Supper. This large and liberal congregation I found in a most flourishing condition.

Sunday, 8th December—Preached morning and evening in Christ Church, Mobile ; and in the afternoon met the Juvenile Missionary Society of that Church, and was gratified to find amongst the children a lively interest in the cause of Missions. May the Lord grant that this interest may be felt and manifested more and more by every member of the Church throughout the Diocese.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10th and 11th December—Visited Demopolis, and preached twice to a congregation, which though not large, was very attentive. Here we have no House of Worship and no regular services, but there are several warmly attached members ; and with proper attention this place ought to become a most interesting station for the Church. I hope, very soon, to see a Minister settled here. Whilst here I baptized one infant.

Saturday, 14th December, 1844—Arrived in Tuscaloosa, and preached at night—the Rev. Mr. ALLEN reading prayers. This Parish had been for some time vacant, yet I found the members zealous and warmly attached



to the Church. Mr. ALLEN has since been called to the Rectorship of the Church, and has entered upon his duties with the most encouraging prospect of usefulness. On Sunday morning, Mr. ALLEN again read prayers, and I preached to a very attentive congregation. In the afternoon, I performed service, and Mr. ALLEN preached to a large and interesting audience. On Tuesday evening I again preached; and on Wednesday evening, after preaching to a large audience, I admitted twenty-eight persons to the rite of Confirmation. My heart was truly gladdened by this manifestation of the flourishing state of the Parish.

Friday, 20th December—After preaching on the way-side, in a Methodist House of Worship, to a small congregation collected on a hasty notice, I arrived at Greensboro', where I was met by the Rev. Messrs. HANSON and HAYS. I preached on Saturday and Sunday, and administered the rite of Confirmation to six persons. I also Baptized two adults and three children. Here, as yet, we have no Minister in charge, but I hope soon to see one permanently settled in that interesting and promising field.

Tuesday, 24th December—Preached at Prairieville, in the Parish of Mr. HANSON, to a very respectable and attentive congregation. As I intended at a future day to revisit this Parish, I did not administer the rite of Confirmation on this occasion. I trust that the Church is destined to spread extensively and permanently among this intelligent and hospitable people.

Tuesday night, 24th December—Preached in Demopolis after prayers by Mr. HANSON, and admitted seven persons to the rite of Confirmation. The services were well attended, and seemed deeply to interest the audience.

Christmas Day—I preached again in Demopolis, and administered the Communion to about forty members—of whom a number belonged to other denominations. By this second visit, I was more confirmed in my opinion of the importance of promptly occupying this point, in which there is an encouraging prospect of building up the Church. I trust that I shall be able in a short time to send a Clergyman to settle in that town.

Sunday, 29th December, 1844—Preached both morning and evening in Christ Church, Mobile.

Sunday, 5th January, 1845—Preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and admitted to the order of Deacons Edmund C. MURDAUGH, from the Theological Seminary of Virginia. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. HANSON, and the candidate was presented by the Rector of the Church—the Rev. Mr. LEWIS. Mr. MURDAUGH has since settled in the county of Marengo, in an interesting field of labor.

Sunday, 11th January—Visited Montgomery, and preached in the morning and afternoon—prayers being read by the Rector of the Church, the Rev. Mr. KNAPP. This is a flourishing town, with every prospect of future growth; and there is good reason to hope that the Church, by the blessing of God, will prosper through the active labors of the present Pastor.

Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th January—Preached in the morning and evening of each day in the town of Selma, prayers being read by the Rector—the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, and who also assisted in the administration of the Communion. Here we have a small congregation of very devoted members, and it is obvious that the Church must grow with the ordinary blessing of God on the labors of his Ministers.

Monday, 20th January—Preached in the town of Cahawba, to a very attentive congregation—the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT reading the service. Here we have no resident Minister, and no House of Worship; but as there are several very zealous members and friends of the Church, it seems to be an inviting field for the establishment of our Zion. It will be my effort to settle a Minister in that town during the present year.

Sunday, 26th January—Officiated in Christ Church, Mobile, in the morning; and in the afternoon of the same day, preached to a small con-

gregation of Colored people. It is my purpose to pay special attention to the Slave population in the Diocese, and thus to remove, if possible, one of the popular objections to the Church, and I am most happy in the belief that in this purpose I shall be sustained both by the Clergy and Laity of the State.

February 1st—Visited a neighborhood in the county of Greene, called the Forks, and preached to a small but very attentive congregation—prayers being read by the Rev. Mr. HANSON, who very kindly accompanied me. On the same day I baptized two infant children.

Quinquagesima Sunday, February 2d—Preached to a large and attentive congregation at Burton's Hill, and confirmed one lady. On the same day I baptized eight children. In this neighborhood we have some attached friends, and there is much cause to believe, that by the efforts of a faithful minister, a flourishing congregation might soon be collected.

Ash Wednesday, February 5th—Officiated in the Church in Greensboro', which I still found vacant, the Vestry having been unsuccessful in the call given to the Rev. Mr. GIBSON, of Petersburg, Virginia.

February 6th—Preached to a small and interesting congregation in St. John's in the Prairies. This little Church was established by the labors of the late Dr. AVERY, who was, for several years, a most useful Minister in this Diocese, and whose memory is still fondly cherished by his former parishioners. Over his grave, near the Church, there is erected a neat and appropriate monument by the members of the Church in Edenton, North Carolina, of which he was for many years the Rector. It is not only gratifying to the feelings, but it should be an encouragement to ministerial fidelity, when we behold such affecting evidences of devoted attachment on the part of a congregation.

First Sunday in Lent, February 9th—Officiated in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and admitted to the Order of Deacons—JOHN HENRY LINEBAUGH. The prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. HANSON, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN. Mr. LINEBAUGH expects to devote his time to the town of Eutaw, and the neighbourhood of the Forks in Greene. I consider this field of labor an encouraging one.

Sunday, Feb. 16th—Preached in the town of Huntsville, both morning and afternoon, and Confirmed five persons. Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. MASSEY, who has recently removed into this Diocese from Virginia, and who has been officiating as a Missionary in the Valley of the Tennessee. As yet, we have no house of worship in the town of Huntsville, but measures are in progress for the erection of a Church. With the blessing of God on the efforts being now made by the Rector of the Parish—the Rev. Mr. LAIRD, there will be a strong and flourishing congregation built up in this beautiful town.

February 17th—Preached again at night to a respectable and attentive congregation in Huntsville.

February 18th—Preached in a Methodist house of worship to a small congregation, gathered on a hasty notice, on the road from Huntsville to Decatur. In this pleasant neighbourhood we have a few friends, and with proper efforts a Church might easily be established.

February 21st—Arrived in the town of Tuscumbia, and preached several times to a small but attentive audience. Here five persons were Confirmed. In this town and neighbourhood there would be good hope of establishing a flourishing Church, if the services of a resident Minister could be obtained.

Sunday, February 23d—Preached in Florence to a very attentive congregation, and Consecrated the House of Worship there by the name of Trinity—being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. BROWN, and MASSEY. Ten persons received the rite of Confirmation. In this place the Rector—the Rev. Mr. BROWN—should have good reason to believe that his labors will be blessed in the increase of the Church.

**March 3d**—Arrived in Livingston, in which the Rev. Mr. SCOTT officiates, and after preaching to an audience that listened with marked attention, I Confirmed seven persons. There were more in the neighborhood desirous of Confirmation, but they were prevented by my failure to reach my appointment at the specified time—the failure being caused by casualties beyond my control.

**March 9th**—Officiated for Mr. LEWIS in Christ Church, Mobile, and in the afternoon preached at the Orphan Asylum.

**Palm Sunday, March 16th**—Officiated in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed thirty-four persons.—Of these three were Colored persons. I cannot but express the hope, that ere long, we shall see multitudes of the African race coming to the Ordinances of the Church. By kind and persevering attentions on the part of ministers and masters, many of these people might be brought to appreciate the advantages of our primitive Church—a Church, which in the elementary instruction contained in her services, peculiarly commends herself to the ignorant and the poor.

On the same day, in the same Church, there was taken up a collection of three hundred and two dollars for that most valuable institution the Diocesan Missionary Society—a Society which in the present state of the Diocese, has upon its members a claim stronger than any other that can be presented to their consideration. With such evidences of zeal and liberality on the part of her members, we cannot doubt but that God will cause the Church to grow in the Diocese. It is but just to add, that the same congregation has made most liberal contributions to the Chinese Mission—to the General Missionary Society—and to the African Mission. In the Chinese Mission there is here felt a very lively interest, from the fact, that Miss EMMA JONES—for many years a most devoted and a much loved member of Christ Church—is now one of the little band who have gone with Bishop BONE to proclaim the gospel to the millions of China. May the blessing of God rest upon that devoted and self-denying young lady; and may she prove to be as useful in her new field of labour, as she was in Mobile.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached to a congregation of Colored people, and at night again officiated in Christ Church.

**Easter Sunday, March 23d**—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa in the afternoon—having in the morning assisted the Rector, the Rev. Mr. ALLEN, in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

**Sunday, March 30th**—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, in the morning; and in the town of Northport, in the afternoon.

**April 2d, 1845**—Preached in the morning and afternoon to a very attentive congregation in St. John's, in the Prairies.

**April 4th, 5th and 6th**—Preached to attentive and interested congregations in Prairieville; and on Sunday admitted eleven persons to the rite of Confirmation. In this Parish there are abundant materials for building up a large and flourishing Church. My previous hopes as to the prospects of this Parish were fully confirmed:

**April, 8th and 9th**—Preached to a small but interesting congregation on each of those days in the Prairie Chapel. In this Neighbourhood we have some very attached friends and members of the Church.

**April 11th, 12th and 13th**—On each of these days I officiated in Woodville, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. HANSON, JOHNSON, and MURDAUGH. On Sunday I administered the rite of Confirmation to nine persons. I was greatly encouraged by the hopeful prospects of this Parish, and look forward with confidence to the formation of a large and flourishing congregation.

**April 18th, 19th and 20th**—Preached in St. David's Church, Dallas County, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. LEE, and the Rector—the Rev Mr. JOHNSON. Though the congregation here is a small one, yet it is a very interesting one, on account of the well behaved children that

attend and unite in the services of the Church with becoming reverence and devotion. Here I Confirmed two persons, and at the request of the Rector Baptized two infants.

April 21st—Preached in Cahawba, and Confirmed one person.

April 22d—Preached in Selma, and Confirmed one person.

April 25th, 26th and 27th—On each of these days I preached to very attentive congregations in Carlowville, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. WRIGHT and LEE. On the 25th I Consecrated a very decent Church by the name of St. Paul's. On the 27th, I administered the rite of Confirmation to fifteen persons; and also at the request of the Rector, Baptized one adult. All the services were marked by seriousness and solemnity; and as I trust, have left behind them a lasting impression. I consider the prospects of this Parish decidedly encouraging.

April 29th—Officiated in St. Peter's, Lowndes county, and Confirmed one person. This Church at present is without a Minister; I hope, however, soon to obtain a Clergyman to labor in this Church, and in Hayneville. The two places united would form a promising field of labor.

I have granted letters of dismission to the Rev. Mr. OTIS, who has been transferred to the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. ETHAN ALLEN has been received into this Diocese from Ohio, and the Rev. J. A. MASSEY from Virginia. The Rev. FRANCIS BERNMAN LEE has also been canonically transferred from South Carolina. I earnestly hope to see our numbers increased in a short time by several other valuable additions.

I am pained to state that we have but one candidate for Orders in the Diocese—WILLIAM A. STICKNEY; though there are several young men whose thoughts are directed to the Ministry, and who, I trust will, in due time, be commissioned to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation. In the present exigency of the Diocese, in which there is so much work to be done, and so few to labour in that work, I would ask of the Clergy that in their respective fields of labor they would diligently enquire if there be no suitable young men, who might be consistently induced to devote themselves to the Ministry of the Word. Oftentimes those that would be the most useful in the Ministry are timid and retiring, and need a word of encouragement to draw them out, and to cause them to take their proper position in the Church of Christ. But for the want of a kind word of encouragement there has been lost to the Ministry many a gifted youth, who might have shone as a bright luminary therein, and have been the instrument of bringing many to the knowledge of the truth. At this time, I am fully persuaded, there is in the Diocese a number of young men, who only need to be sought out and encouraged, in order to be induced to devote themselves to the work of the Ministry. In urging upon the brethren this duty, I feel conscious that I am sustained by the example of the Apostles themselves, who, when on a certain occasion there was a want of more ministerial labor, addressed themselves to the Church, and said—"wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

As another means of increasing our ministerial supply, I would recommend to the friends and members of the Church, who are heads of families, that in all cases in which they would wish to establish private and select schools, they would employ young men who are candidates for Orders. In this way competent teachers of irreproachable characters might readily be obtained; and young men, after having resided one or two years in the South, and having formed acquaintances and friendships, would very naturally and willingly be induced to settle permanently in the Diocese, when clothed with the ministerial commission.

But especially and solemnly would I address myself to christian parents, and in the name of the Church of God would call their serious and prayerful attention to the great necessity of an increase of Ministers. It will

mainly depend under God upon parental influence, and instruction and prayers, whether or not the Church is to be furnished with an adequate supply of laborers. We may rest assured, that if parents were half as anxious that their sons should be useful in the service of God and his Church, as that they should be rich, and honorable, and influential in the world, there would be no lack of Ministers of the Sanctuary. When multitudes are rushing, even to overflowing, into all other departments of life, whilst none are found willing to minister at the altars of the Lord, it is a melancholy sign of prevailing worldliness, and a fearful proof that the claims of the Church, as a Divine Institution, are not duly appreciated. Should the present state of things continue, what is to become of the Church? Let then christian parents, in view of the pressing wants of the Church, be aroused to a sense of their solemn obligations and responsibilities; let them act as becomes those who recognize the claims of the Gospel, and who look upon the institution of the Ministry in the Church as one of the means of perpetuating and diffusing the benefits of that Gospel; and in due time many faithful men will be found ministering at our altars, who might ascribe their choice of the ministry like holy men of old, to the advice of a pious father or the prayers of a devoted mother.

I am happy to inform the Convention that, by the last Legislature of Alabama, an act was passed incorporating the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund. I would respectfully suggest that a timely and judicious attention should be directed to that Fund, as one of the means of promoting the permanent interests of the Diocese.

Having now travelled through much of the State, and having visited nearly every organized Parish within its limits, I would here express the opinion, that there are in the Diocese abundant materials for the building up of the Church. There is truly a wide and open door before us. All that is wanted is an adequate number of pious, devoted, and self-denying Ministers, who would be faithful in preaching the great doctrines of the Gospel as held by the Church; and who would be diligent in visiting the people in a kind, condescending, and affectionate manner. In almost every part of the Diocese new Parishes might be formed, if we had Ministers of faith and zeal to enter in and labor. May Almighty God of his infinite mercy call by his Spirit, and send forth into his Vineyard many of such laborers.

To the little band of Clergy who are now officiating in the Diocese—and to whose general fidelity I would here give my public testimony—I would affectionately recommend that they would occasionally preach in the destitute neighborhoods contiguous to their respective stations. Let each one in his proper circle become in some measure an itinerating missionary. In this way they will demonstrate that they are really desirous for the salvation of souls, and they will thus secure to the Church many members and families that would otherwise stray away from her fold. Let it be borne in mind, that in a new country, one single family will often prove the basis of a large and flourishing Parish. Let the Clergy show that they have the spirit of the Master whom they serve, by seeking out people in order that they may be saved. Where there is implanted in the heart an earnest desire to be faithful in the discharge of the duties of the ministerial office, there will never be wanting opportunities and places for usefulness. In making these suggestions to my brethren of the Clergy, I know that I am asking much at their hands, but yet I feel that I am addressing those who recognize the solemn obligations of their commissions, and who know from their own observation, that if ever the Church is established in this Diocese, it must be done—not by simple wishes and languid efforts—but by faithful, earnest, self-denying, persevering, and oft-repeated labor.

I would here urge the importance of taking prompt and efficient measures for the establishment of a school, both male and female, to be under the control of the Episcopal Church, and in which education should be connected with religion according to the doctrines and worship of the Church.

The advantages of such a school are so obvious, and the need of such an one so urgent, that I deem it superfluous to say any thing more than merely to suggest it to your consideration; merely adding, I will heartily co-operate with the Convention in any measures that may be adopted for the furtherance of the desired object. I would also direct the attention of the Convention, and of the whole Diocese, to the claims of the *Diocesan Missionary Society*. That institution may be regarded as essential to the prosperity of the Church in the Diocese; and I would gladly see its funds increased, not only by congregational collections, but by individual contributions. If that society be duly fostered many places in the Diocese may be advantageously occupied, that otherwise will be entirely lost to the Church. In the present exigency of the Diocese, I conceive that no charitable object can have stronger claims upon the members of the Church than this society.

And now, Brethren, in conclusion, let me express the earnest hope, that in all our deliberations we would labor after the things that make for peace; always remembering that we stand before the world as the professed followers of One, who taught us to learn of him because he was meek and lowly in heart. We may learn the importance which the Savior attached to the virtue of peace among his followers from his last conversation with the Apostles, saying: "Peace I leave with you—my peace I give unto you." Let us then bear in mind this solemn injunction of the Savior, and let us be as prayerful to cultivate the graces of charity as zealous to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. In the present day, when there is so much of strife and contention in the christian world, let us especially guard against a bitter and proscriptive spirit. Let us love and labor as brethren of the same household; and let our conventional meetings be the occasion of drawing us nearer to each other in the communion of saints. By cherishing this spirit of love and harmony, God's blessing will rest upon us, and the Church of Christ will spread and flourish in the Diocese to the joy and comfort of our souls. And that God may grant this to be the case is our earnest prayer for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

N. H. CORBS,

*Bishop of the P. E. C. in the Diocese of Alabama.*

On motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

*Resolved;* That so much of the Bishop's Report as has reference to the establishment of a Diocesan School, be referred to a select Committee of five, to report to the present Convention on the subject.

The Rev. Messrs. JOHNSON, and KNAPP, and Messrs. POLLARD, Dr. WITHERS, and Dr. ALLISON, were appointed the Committee.

The following Resolution was offered:

*Resolved;* That a Committee of five be appointed to examine the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, together with papers connected therewith, and report at an early period thereon.

On motion, it was laid on the table till to-morrow.

On motion, it was ordered that the reading of the Parochial Reports, and the Elections of the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention, be postponed till to-morrow.



The Rev. Mr. LINEBAUGH, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following Report :

MONTGOMERY, 1st May, 1845.

The undersigned, as Chairman of the Committee on "Unfinished Business," would respectfully Report as the result of the Committee's examination of the Journal of the last Convention, the following as the only unfinished business, appearing on said Journal, reserved for consideration, to this meeting of the Convention, viz: "The following substitute for the 4th article of the Constitution."

"ART. 4. The Convention shall be composed of all Ministers in Ecclesiastical connection with the Diocese, who may at stated times officiate in any congregation therein ; or who may be connected with any incorporated Institution of Learning, in the Diocese, or who may have become disabled in the discharge of the duties of the Ministry in this Diocese."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. LINEBAUGH, (Chairman),  
JOHN N. SIMPSON,  
J. W. SMITH,

Which was read.

On motion of the Chairman of the Committee, the Report was laid on the table, and the Committee discharged.

The Convention then adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow.

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FRIDAY, May 2d, A.D, 1845, }  
9 o'clock, A.M. }

Convention met and was called to order by the President.

The Session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. LEWIS.

The roll was then called : present as yesterday; together with the Rev. S. S. LEWIS, the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, and the Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Elections reported that they had examined the Certificate of the appointment of Delegates from Christ Church, Mobile, and found that EDWARD HALL, WILLIAM M. GARROW, HENRY STICKNEY, EDWARD G. BENNERS, and GEORGE F. BOONE, Esqs., had been duly appointed

Their names were then called, and EDWARD HALL, WILLIAM M. GARROW, and E. G. BENNERS, were found to be present.

On motion, it was *Resolved*; That the names of the movers of Resolutions do not appear on the Journal.

On motion, *Resolved*; That the papers relating to the organization of Union Parish, Marengo and Perry counties, and its admission into union with this Diocese, be referred to the

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Committee on New Parishes, and that their reading be dispensed with.

*Ordered*; That the Report of the Treasurer of the last Convention be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, *Resolved*; That an additional Member be added to the Finance Committee. Judge HALL was appointed.

The Resolution offered yesterday, and laid on the Table, referring to the Report and Papers of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, was called up and adopted. The Rev. Messrs. LEWIS and SCOTT, and Messrs. TAYLOR, CROOM, and Judge GARROW, were appointed the Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Union Parish reported in favor thereof. The Report was adopted.

Dr. Harrison, Andrew P. Calhoun, and Robert W. Nicholson, were reported as Delegates. Their names were called, but they were not present.

The Parochial Reports were now read.

REV. ETHAN ALLEN.

In obedience to the 3d Sec. of Canon XII.\* of this Diocese, the Rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, presents to the Bishop† the following Report. His first service performed here was on the 14th December, 1844. The Parish being vacant, I complied with the request of the Vestry made me through yourself, to prolong my visit and officiate till your return. At your second visit in February, I received a call to the Rectorship of the Parish, which was accepted. Previous to my coming here—and during the absence of the former Rector, the Rev. WM. B. OTIS—the Parish was supplied for about five months by the Rev. E. M. FORBES, whose labors it gives me pleasure to testify were abundant, and his success most gratifying.

The statistics of the Parish Records are as follows:

Baptisms—Adults 8, of which 7 were by Mr. F. Children 16—12 by Mr. F., of which 3 were Colored, making in all 24. Marriages—2, by Mr. F. Funerals—Children, 6, of which 5 were by Mr. F. Confirmations 25.

Communicants, reported last year, 20; of these, one—Mr J. H. Linebaugh—has been ordained to the work of the Ministry, and two have removed; three however, previously added, were not found recorded or reported. Added since Convention—by removals into the Parish 10—from the Congregation 15, 9 of which by Mr. F.—present number 45. The Parish was formed January 7th, 1828. The whole number on record from that time is 103, of these 25 were added since the Convention. Of the whole number 3 only have died while in connection with this Parish, while 54 are found to have removed.

Sunday Schools—White—7 Teachers, 40 Pupils: Colored—4 teachers, 25 pupils—in all 11 Teachers and 65 Pupils in attendance. The contributions for the year have been as follows: for a building erected for the Clergyman, \$600; at a Diocesan Missionary Collection by the Bishop, \$60; at various Communion, \$51; for the Bishop's Annual Parish Assessment,

\*See Appendix.

†See Appendix.



\$200; for the Fund for the Episcopate, \$500; for putting a new fence round the Church lot—a new and beautiful baptismal font, &c., \$130; and for other purposes not included in the Rector's Salary about \$50—in all \$1,591. The ladies very kindly furnished the rooms of the Vestry's house for our accommodation. Myself and family were received with the most gratifying attention and kindness. The congregation, not large when I came, is increasing. A few pews have been taken. The prospects on the whole are decidedly encouraging. The Lord hath not forgotten us in our low estate.—May we find favor in His sight, for Christ's sake.

REV. D. BROWN,

Minister of Florence and Tuscumbia, reports by letter to the Bishop: I have had three services a week since you left, and should always have had a fourth, but the weather has been unpropitious. Twice I was prevented from going to Tuscumbia by the rain, and once because we could not have the house. Allow me to say, it seems very desirable that this place and its vicinity should have a Missionary.

Baptisms—Children 4, Adults 3: in all 7. Confirmations 15. Communicants at both places, 22.

REV. J. L. GAY,

*Late Minister of St. John's in the Wilderness, Russell county,*

I took charge of this Parish about ten months ago, intending to divide my time between this and St. James', Eufaula, Barbour Co. This arrangement was continued until Christmas, when, for want of a comfortable place in which to worship—from inconvenience and for other satisfactory reasons, I resigned its charge. During my connection, however, with this Parish, I officiated at the Oswichee School House fifteen times, and several times in the neighborhood.

\* Baptisms, 49 Colored Children. Funerals, 1 Infant. Communicants, 7 White and 13 Colored persons. Candidates for Confirmation, as I learn, 2 Whites and 11 Colored persons. Families, 5.

REV. J. L. GAY,

*Minister of St. James' Church, Eufaula, Barbour county.*

I entered upon the Pastoral charge of this Parish about the same time as above, to wit: the last of June, 1844. For the first six months I officiated in a large room in a building which had formerly been used as a tavern. Since the 1st of January, however, our services have been held in the Female Academy. Since that period I have given my whole time to the Parish, officiating regularly twice on every Sunday, with two exceptions, which were given to other places, and on which the service was performed and a sermon read by a lay-reader. Our congregations have been generally good at this place, and a considerable degree of sensibility to religious influence has been manifested.

Since I took charge of this Parish Divine Service has been performed 64 times. When I entered upon the duties of this Parish the number of Communicants was 7. Since that time 6 have been added, 1 has died, and 2 have removed: present number 10. We hope soon to have several additions to our number of Communicants. The Holy Eucharist has never been administered but once in this Parish.

Of Baptisms, we have to report 27—2 Adults; (1 by immersion); 22 Infants, white; and 3 colored. Candidates for Confirmation, (expected) 14. Marriages, 1. Funerals, none. Families, 10. Sunday School Teachers and Scholars, about 20. Money collected for Prayer Books, Tracts, and Sunday School books, \$30.

\*Performed by the Rev. W. D. Cairnes, of Ga., by my permission and request.

A Lot has been given, and about \$1000 subscribed for a Church, but the work has not yet been commenced. Prospects for building up the Church here are decidedly good.

GLENNVILLE, Barbour county.

In addition to the above, I officiated at this place during a short residence here last Summer and Fall, and on every occasion except one on week days, 13 times. Baptized 1 Infant, and distributed about a dozen Prayer Books, and several hundred pages of Tracts. There are here 2 families, in whole or in part, Episcopal; 2 Communicants; and as I have learned, 2 candidates for Confirmation.

MOUNT MORIAN, M. H. Cowika Creek.

At this place, 25 miles north-west of Eufaula, I have officiated four times, and Baptized 11 Children. There are here 5 or 6 families, more or less, attached to the Church. Only 1 Communicant. Do not know of any candidate for Confirmation here. There may be here materials for building up a small country Parish, as there is a good degree of intelligence, energy, and wealth.

CLAYTON, Barbour Court House.

I have officiated here 4 times to large and attentive congregations. There are here 3 families attached to our communion, and among whom there are 4 persons who are desirous of ratifying their baptismal engagements. A small Sunday School has been gathered here, numbering about 3 teachers and 20 scholars.

The three last named places are distant from my parish 18, 25, and 20 miles, and I have been able only to officiate in them on week days, with two exceptions. I have performed occasional Services in various places about a dozen times.

On the whole, I have been much encouraged, more so certainly, than I could have expected. In most of these places our Church was almost entirely unknown, but by the blessing of God, it seems now to be taking hold upon the good-will and affections of the people.

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REV. R. G. HAYS,

Reports to the Bishop, that by request of the Vestry, he has officiated in the morning of every Sabbath, since the 1st of October last, in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'. In addition to these labors he has been engaged in teaching a school.

The Vestry have made every exertion to secure a Minister who can give his undivided attention to the services and interests of the Church. In this object he sincerely hopes they will succeed at an early day, as this Parish presents an encouraging field for the labors of a faithful Minister.

The following are the statistics of the Church: Baptisms—Adults 2, Children 6—total 8. Confirmations 6. Marriages 1. Burials 3. Communicants 27. Communicants removed 3. Sunday School Teachers 4. Sunday School Pupils 15. Diocesan Missionary Collection \$30. Bishop's Fund \$150.

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REV. F. R. HANSON,

*Rector of St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene county.*

Reports that, in consequence of deaths, removals, and other causes, the friends of the Church have been very much reduced in numbers; and there now remains only three or four families who seem to take any interest in the prosperity of the Church in this Parish. The Rector hopes, however, that the Parish may yet be preserved. Divine Service has been performed generally during the past year on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The Parish has been able to pay the present assessment for the support of the Bishop, and I hope it will continue to do so: this however, is doubtful.

REV. F. R. HANSON,

*Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo county,*

Reports that he has been very much gratified and encouraged by the interest manifested during the past year by the members of this Parish, in the prosperity and permanent establishment of the Church. Here Divine Service is now performed in a house near Macon, regularly on the first and third Sundays in the month. The attendance on the services during the past year has been uniformly good; and the serious and devout manner in which they have been engaged in, indicates, he hopes, a religious feeling and sensibility inspired by the Holy Spirit of God. The visits of the Bishop were highly gratifying, and seemed to have produced a happy effect. Eleven individuals were confirmed by him at his last visitation, and ten have been added to the communion of the Church. A collection was taken up on the first Sunday in April for the Diocesan Missionary Society, and about twenty dollars collected. The Parish, as also the Rector is happy to say, has been able to pay the sum assessed for the support of the Bishop.

Baptisms—Adults 2, Children 11—total 13. Confirmations 11. Communicants—removed 2, added 11—present number, 19. Marriages 2. Burials 1.

REV. WILLIAM JOHNSON,

*Minister of St. David's Church, Dallas county,*

Reports: Baptisms 3 (Infants.) Confirmations 2. Marriages 2. Communicants—9 Whites and 3 Colored—total 12. Collection for Diocesan Missionary Society, \$11 63.

*Remarks.*—In June last I relinquished the Parish (St. Peter's, Lowndes county,) in connexion with which I had, for one year, been serving the Parish of St. David's. This latter is now my only charge. In the removal of my family hither, two communicants have been added. And by removals from the Parish we have lost three. Two new Communicants have been added. One Colored Communicant has moved into the Parish. And, since my residence here, I have found two more Colored Communicants, who were not known to me when my last report was made. To reconcile the present number of Communicants (12) with the number reported last year, (9,) when there have been seven accessions, and three removals, I must mention that for the want of personal knowledge when living at a distance from here, I gave the number last year as it had been stated to me, and there was a mistake in regard to one person. In the present report I count those only, to whom I have administered the Communion.

Of the two Marriages reported here, one was performed out of this Parish.

I have had Service once on every Sunday, except during an absence from the Diocese, last fall, which included several Sundays, and a few times that rain has prevented the congregation from assembling, except also, two other Sundays; on one of which I preached at Woodville, (where there was at that time no Minister,) and on the other at Prairieville. I have occasional services in the afternoon of Sunday for the Colored people. I have just commenced catechising the Children; and design doing it once a month. There is a Sunday School for the White Children on Sunday morning; and in the afternoon religious instruction is given orally to the Colored people, both adults and children.

The Communion has been administered about once in two months. I design hereafter to administer it on the first Sunday of every month.

REV. NATHANIEL P. KNAPP,

*Rector of St. John's Church Montgomery,*

Reports: Baptisms—Whites, (Infants) 19; Colored, none. Confirmations, none. Marriages—Whites, none; Colored, 1. Deaths, none. Communicants—Whites, added 14, removed 1, died none—28; Colored, (added) 3—total 31. Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, White, 20; Colored 40—total 60. Sunday School Library, about 100 volumes. Communion, monthly. Offerings at Communion, \$70 42. Collections Missionary—For Domestic Missions, \$17; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$16 10; Africa, after service by the Rev. S. Hazlehurst, \$55.

The condition of this Parish has greatly improved since the meeting of the last Convention. Our Church is well filled with attentive hearers of the word—the pews being all rented, and there is yet an unsatisfied demand for sittings. The Church edifice has been made more commodious, and been much adorned by the addition of a large Vestry room, and an entire change in the chancel arrangements. The drapery of the church is entirely new, provided in part by individual contributions, and partly like the other improvements, by the proceeds of a Fair, which amounted to \$360. A fund of about \$300 has been raised by subscription for the purchase of an excellent Bell, which will be provided as soon as possible.

These things are very encouraging. But the spiritual interests of the Parish are of greater importance. And there is good ground for hope that the preaching of the word of God will be attended with the sure manifestations of God's Holy Spirit—an increase of vital piety.

Divine Service has been held twice on Sundays during the year, excepting about three months, while the Minister was absent at the North, as a Delegate to the General Convention.

Services have also been held on the Festival of the Nativity, and on the Fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church has been open for prayers on Wednesday mornings during Lent, and subsequently.

A Colored Sunday School has been organized and kept open every Sunday evening; and the evening of the first Sunday in every month is usually devoted to preaching to the Blacks. It is hoped that good will result from the attempt to give them religious instruction, which is greatly needed, for the benefit of the masters as well as of the servants.

There are several candidates for Confirmation. On the whole, we thank God and take courage.

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REV. F. H. L. LAIRD,

Minister at Huntsville, Reports to the Bishop: Baptisms—1 white and 1 colored child, 2. Marriages, 1. Communicants, present number, 19. Burials—1 Adult, 3 Children, 4. Besides week day services and Bible Class, I have officiated twice on each Sunday.

Incredible as it may seem, it is nevertheless true, as my record book shows, that the present number of Communicants is exactly that which has been added since my arrival. We have lost by death, removal and suspension, 8 persons, which is the number I found here. The frequent draughts made on my hearers, as well as communicants, have inflicted on us—a small band—considerable discouragement. And that affliction is deepened and embittered by the reflection, which in every instance forces itself upon us, that those no longer with us were promising and actively engaged. I rejoice to think that a less partial spectator than myself might be able to perceive among our few, an increased consistency of christian conduct—an augmented and still augmenting zeal for the Church, as they succeed in throwing off the influences of the sects which had been brought to bear upon them.

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## REV. F. BEEKMAN LEE,

*Minister of St. Paul's Church, Carlisville, Dallas county,*

Respectfully Reports, that he has officiated regularly in his Parish during the past year, except when prevented by sickness or other circumstances beyond his control. He has Baptized 9 Children. Administered the Communion to from 14 to 19 persons each month. Married one couple. Read the burial service at 6 Funerals, and prepared a class for Confirmation. Contributions to General Missions, \$27 22; to Diocesan Missions, \$6 36.

During a recent visit of the Bishop of the Diocese, 1 adult was Baptized and 15 persons Confirmed. The Church in this place is in a flourishing condition.

## REV. S. S. LEWIS,

*Minister of Uhrist Church, Mobile,*

Presents the following statement of his official acts during the past year, as required by Canon XII. Sec. 3:

Baptisms—Adults, white 2; Infants, white 32; }	:	:	37
Ditto, black 2; Ditto, black 1; }	:	:	
Marriages : : :	:	:	16
Funerals, Parishioners 11; Strangers 13; :	:	:	24
Persons Confirmed, white 31; black 3; :	:	:	34
Communicants—whole number during the year, :	:	:	290
Died 5; Removed 39; :	:	:	44
Added : :	:	:	54
Present number, white 233; black 12; :	:	:	245
Sunday School—Teachers, male 13; female 12; :	:	:	25
Scholars, male 80; female 88; :	:	:	168
Volumes in Library, :	:	:	210
Parish Library contains Volumes about :	:	:	500
Contributions—Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society, :	:	:	\$295 00
Diocesan Missionary Society, :	:	:	312 50
To Missionary at Leavensworth, Indiana, :	:	:	45 00
“ Africa, :	:	:	178 00
Juvenile Missionary Society for the education of 4 children, :	:	:	100 00
Collections on Communion Days, :	:	:	594 51
By Ladies' Miss'y Sewing Society for support of a City Missionary, :	:	:	901 50
Collected at various times for Church purposes, about :	:	:	150 00
Paid Assessment for the support of the Bishop, :	:	:	500 00
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Divine Service has been performed as heretofore. (except on a few occasions, when the Minister was elsewhere engaged,) twice on every Sunday, every Wednesday morning, and Friday nights, and on all the larger Festivals and Fasts. Communion has been administered on the first Lord's Day in every month, and also on the larger Festivals of the Church. On Palm Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Massey commenced his labors in the Parish, and has kindly consented to remain here, so long as the health of the Minister may require an Assistant. The Ladies' Missionary Sewing Society of this Parish determined, last fall, to employ a City Missionary, who should preach the gospel, "without money and without price," to all who might feel disposed to attend upon his services, as well as to pay particular attention to the spiritual wants of the colored population, and to visit the poor, sick and distressed, without regard to denominational distinctions, so far as enabled to do so. During Easter week the Society held a sale of fancy and useful articles for the support of their Missionary, and were generously sustained by the community at large. They invited to this station the Rev. Mr. MILLER, of Norfolk, Virginia, who has signified

his acceptance of the appointment, and will enter upon his duties, probably in the course of a few weeks.

The Sunday School has been very flourishing during the past season; and the instruction to the Colored children, and others of the parish, has been also continued with encouraging success, by a few indefatigable teachers.

In conclusion, the Minister cannot fail to express his sincere gratitude to Almighty God for the prosperity, both spiritual and temporal, which still continues to attend his Parish; and he feels that he would be wanting in generous and grateful feelings to many of his beloved people, not to acknowledge the great help he has derived from them, not only in promoting the general prosperity of the Parish, but especially in their unwearied labors in the Sunday School, and in visiting the sick, poor and distressed, and in the distribution of religious books and tracts to all who desired them; nor can he refrain also, from expressing his deep feeling of gratitude and love to all of his congregation for the generous and liberal manner in which they have continued to sustain him, amidst his "often infirmities" and many weaknesses. May the richest blessings of Heaven ever rest on them, is the unceasing prayer of their devoted and affectionate Minister and Pastor.

REV. J. H. LINEBAUGH,

To the Right Rev. N. H. COBB, D.D., Bishop, Presiding in Convention of the Diocese of Alabama.

Mr. L. would respectfully submit—That being in Mobile on private business, he read service and preached twice in Christ Church on the second Sunday in Lent, at the solicitation of the Rector, he being in delicate health: that he read service and preached on the subsequent Saturday evening, by appointment at Eutaw, in the Methodist house of worship; and on the next day, being third Sunday in Lent, he preached to a very large and attentive congregation in the Presbyterian house of worship, at the polite request of the Minister: that he preached on the next Friday afternoon to a small congregation at the Presbyterian house of worship in Gainesville, and on the subsequent Sunday morning, fourth Sunday in Lent, at Burton's Hill, in the "Fork of Greene": that owing to domestic affliction, his labors were suspended several weeks, except to preach once, fifth Sunday in Lent, at Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, in the absence of the Rector; to read service on Wednesday of Passion Week, and assist in the morning service on the first Sunday after Easter at the same place, and on the evening of the same to read the service for the Bishop, at Northport: that he resumed his labors at Eutaw on second Sunday after Easter, by preaching in the evening at the Methodist house of worship: that he Baptized an Infant on the subsequent Tuesday evening, at the same place; and upon the next day, at a meeting of those friendly to the Church, he organized a Parish, by the adoption of articles of association, and appointing a Vestry. On the third Sunday after Easter he read the service and preached at Burton's Hill. At Eutaw there are two or more Communicants, and several persons waiting Confirmation. There are a number of persons decidedly preferring the Church; and so far as I have been able to discover, a very favorable consideration of its claims in the community; and it is his decided conviction, though he may be more sanguine than he should be, that if undertaken in faith, and prosecuted with prudence and judgment, in time, and that not far distant, there may be a flourishing Parish there. The prospect in the "Fork" is not so good as is desirable, owing to the neighborhood being chiefly made up of those exclusively devoted to other systems. There are however, a few faithful souls, who should have the services of the Church. Their unshaken attachment to her, amid their privations, and the pioneering spirit by which they have been surrounded, augurs well for her. I have determined to locate myself at Eutaw, for the present year, and have service

upon alternate Sundays between Eutaw and the Fork. The chief difficulty will be a want of adequate Ministerial support. The friends of the Church will do all in their power, but he is fearful, that it will not be sufficient. Could a small sum be contributed for one year, he thinks after that, they would be able to sustain themselves. The importance of the points are at least worth the experiment.

Upon the last Sunday he read the morning service and preached at Christ Church Tuscaloosa, in the absence of the Rector, and at his request. In the afternoon, he read the service and preached at the Methodist house of worship at Northport, to a large and very attentive congregation. He will be pardoned if he suggests, that he thinks, there is not a more inviting field of labor, than that presented by the latter village. A faithful Minister, and slight help from the Missionary Society or some other quarter, would not be without their fruits. The people are anxious to have stated services, and are engaged in fitting a large academy room with pulpit, desk, and seats for that purpose.

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REV. J. A. MASSEY,

Reports, that he became connected with the Diocese of Alabama by letter of dismission from the Bishop of Virginia early in January last. During six weeks from that time he was engaged in general Missionary work in the Valley of the Tennessee. He visited most places and neighborhoods of importance in the Valley, and every Episcopal settlement and family of which he could gain information. His visits were always welcome, and often hailed with delight; and his full conclusion is, that if suitable men could be obtained, our beloved Church might be established at once in very many parts of that rich and beautiful valley.

About the 1st March, your Missionary, at the request of the Bishop, went to Mobile to assist the Rector of Christ Church, whose health had been enfeebled by the arduous duties of his Parish. From that time he has been constantly employed as Assistant Minister of Christ Church, officiating once, twice or thrice every Lord's day, and twice in each week.

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REV. E. C. MURDAUGH,

*Minister of Union Parish, Marengo and Perry counties,*

A church was organized in this Parish during the last summer. At the invitation of the Vestry, I commenced officiating as Minister in January last, at two points—the one Union-Town, the other St. Michael's Chapel, about seven miles west of Union-Town.

The articles of Association having been signed, application will be made to the approaching Convention for admission into union with the Diocese of Alabama.

Baptisms, 6—1 adult and 5 children, (white). Marriages 1. Confirmations, 9. Number of Communicants added, 11—1 from another denomination. Number of Communicants when I entered on the duties of the Parish, 11—4 white and 7 colored.—Total 15 white and 7 black—in all 22. Contributions to the Diocesan Missionary Society, \$53 75. There are about 15 families attached to the Episcopal Church in this Parish. The attendance on Public Worship is regular, and the prospect for a permanent establishment of the Episcopal Church is somewhat flattering. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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REV. J. J. SCOTT,

*Minister of St. James' Church, Livingston, Sumter county,*

Reports: Baptisms, 23—4 adults and 3 infants, white, and 16 colored. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 2. Deaths, 2, infants. Communicants—number in last report, 27; number added, 8; number removed, 5; present number, 30. Number of families, 25. Sunday School—Teachers, 2 male and 2 female; Scholars, 15.

The Dorcas Society has contributed \$350 towards liquidating the debt of the Church. I have preached twice on Sundays and on the principal Holy-Days throughout the year, excepting when absent from the Diocese in attendance at the General Convention, and on one other occasion on necessary business.

REV. L. B. WRIGHT,

*Minister of St. Paul's Church, Selma,*

Reports: Baptisms, 4, Infants. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Confirmed, 1. Communicants—former number, 17; removed from the Parish, 1; added 3; present number, 19. Scholars in Sunday School, 23; Teachers, 5. Number of volumes in Sunday School Library, 81.

I have, at the request of the Secretary of the D. C. of the Board of Missions, officiated at St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, on the first Sunday of every month for the last year. An effort is here being made to raise funds for the erection of a Church edifice, and the friends of the Church seem to be very sanguine of success.

From the Rev. Messrs. COOK, IVES and SAWYER, no Reports were forwarded.

On motion, *Resolved*; That the Parochial Reports be referred to the Committee on the state of the Church, and that they also be authorized, under the direction of the Bishop, to make such abstracts therefrom, as they may deem expedient.

On motion, *Resolved*; That the Convention now proceed to the Election of the Standing Committee. The Rev. Messrs. KNAPP and HANSON were appointed Tellers.

Having counted the votes, Mr. KNAPP announced that the

Rev. J. J. SCOTT,	E. WOLSEY PECK,
Rev. S. S. LEWIS,	Dr. THOMAS WITHERS,
Rev. F. R. HANSON,	THOMAS W. MCCOY,

Of the Clergy, and Of the Laity, were elected.

A recess was now taken for Divine Service. The Rev. Messrs. JOHNSON and MASSEY read the Morning Prayer. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. GAY.

The Convention then resumed business.

In compliance with a resolution passed yesterday, the Secretary reported that the Assessments of the last Convention for



the Bishop's Salary have been received and paid over to him as follows :

Christ Church, Mobile, - - - -	\$500
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, - - -	200
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', - -	150
St. David's Church, Dallas Co. - -	50
St. John's Church, Montgomery, - -	150
St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo Co.	100
St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene Co.	50
St. James' Church, Livingston, in part, -	50
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, -	50
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, -	50
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	\$1,350

The following Assessments remain unpaid. In some instances however, it is understood that they are provided for, and may be soon expected.

St. Paul's Selma, - - - -	\$100
St. James', Livingston, balance, - -	100
St. Peter's, Lowndes Co. - - -	50
Trinity Church, Lafayette, - - -	50
St. John's, Tuscumbia, & Trinity Church, Florence,	50
St Luke's, Cahawba. - - - -	50
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	\$400

The Standing Committee presented the following abstract of their proceedings since the last Convention:

At a Meeting, held in Greensboro', May 3d, 1844, the Rev. Samuel S. Lewis was elected President, and the Rev. J. J. Scott Secretary. At the same meeting, the Rev. Wm. B. Otis—a Presbyter of the Church—was received into this Diocese from that of North Carolina. At an adjourned Meeting, held in Greensboro' on the 4th May, the Rev. L. B. Wright, Minister of St Paul's Church, Selma, was appointed to preach the annual Sermon at the opening of the Convention of 1845, and the Rev. Wm. B. Otis as his substitute. At the same time and place, the Rev. Samuel S. Lewis, Minister of Christ Church Mobile, was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon some time during the sitting of the next Convention, and the Rev. E. M. Forbes, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Mobile, his substitute. At an adjourned Meeting, held at Greensboro, May 5th, Mr. John H. Linebaugh, a candidate for Orders, was recommended to be admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons. At the same time and place, the Right Rev. Leonidas Polk, D.D., Bishop of Louisiana, was invited to perform Episcopal offices in this Diocese, until such time as the Rev. Dr. Cobbs, the Bishop elect should, be consecrated.

At a Meeting held in Mobile, January 3d, 1845, Mr. Edmund C. Murchaugh, a candidate for Orders, transferred from the Diocese of Virginia, was recommended to the Bishop to be admitted to Deacon's Orders, and

Mr. Wm. Augustus Stickney, of Groensboro', was recommended to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders.

A true abstract from the minutes.

J. J. SCOTT, *Secretary*.

On motion, *Resolved*; That the Chairman of the Finance Committee be requested to wait upon the Bishop and ascertain the amount of his traveling expenses, so that that amount may be duly assessed.

On motion, *Resolved*; That the subject of delinquent Parishes who have failed to pay their Assessments be referred to the Committee on Finance for their consideration and to report.

The Convention then adjourned to half-past 4 o'clock, P. M.

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Half-past 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met—present as in the morning.

On motion, *Resolved*; That so much of the 7th Article of the Constitution, as requires the Secretary of the Convention to act as Treasurer, be so amended as to permit of appointment of a Treasurer separately.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, who was requested by a resolution passed this morning to enquire into the Bishop's Traveling Expences, reported as follows:

I am instructed by the Bishop to return his thanks to the Convention for the enquiry which has been so kindly made for the purpose of providing for his Traveling Expenses, and to say that he has kept no account of them but that he has met with much uniform kindness and civility in every part of the State since he entered upon the discharge of his Episcopal labors. By steamboats he has been generally conveyed free of charge, and by the friends and members of the Church he has, when traveling, been hospitably received and entertained, and in some of the Parishes money has been handed to him for the purpose of providing for his expenses—so that he believes, his expenses have been most fully and amply provided for, up to this time. He therefore desires that no further action may be taken by the Convention upon this subject. Hereafter he will keep a regular account of his expenditures while traveling in discharge of his duties, and be prepared to submit it when called upon.

C. T. POLLARD, *Chairman of the Finance Committee*.

The Report was accepted.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, to which was referred the Accounts of the Treasurer of the last Convention submitted the following Report; which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Finance, Report—that upon an examination of the Receipts and Disbursements of the late Treasurer, they find that at

assembling of the last Convention a balance remained on hand from former Assessments, which was paid over to him, of - - - \$34 61  
 Of the Assessments made upon the different Parishes, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$135 at the last Convention, he has collected only the sum of - - - 110 39

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Out of which he has disbursed for Printing and other purposes, the sum of - - - 114 92

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Leaving on hand a balance, which has been paid to his successor, of \$30 08

The Committee have Assessed the different Parishes in the Diocese in the following manner :

Christ Church, Mobile,	- - - -	\$30 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,	- - - -	8 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	- - - -	4 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	- - - -	8 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	- - - -	4 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	- - - -	4 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	- - - -	4 00
St. David's Church, Dallas,	- - - -	4 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	- - - -	4 00
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes,	- - - -	4 00
Christ Church, Wetumpka,	- - - -	4 00
Trinity Church, Lafayette,	- - - -	4 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	- - - -	4 00
Trinity Church, Florence,	- - - -	4 00
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,	- - - -	4 00
Christ Church, Hayneville,	- - - -	4 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	- - - -	4 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula,	- - - -	4 00
Union Parish, in Marengo and Perry,	- - - -	8 00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	- - - -	4 00
St. James' Church, Livingston,	- - - -	4 00

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\$122 00

And in accordance with the custom which has been adopted at preceeding Conventions, the Committee would urge upon the Parishes represented, that the sums assessed as above should be at once paid over to the Treasurer. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. T. POLLARD, *Chairman.*

In compliance with the above suggestion, the Treasurer received from the Delegates the following sums :

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	- - -	\$4 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	- - -	8 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	- - -	4 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	- - -	4 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo,	- - -	4 00
St. David's Church, Dallas,	- - -	4 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula,	- - -	4 00
Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Counties,	- - -	8 00
St. John's Church, in the Prairies,	- - -	4 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,	- - -	8 00

On motion, *Resolved*; That the Committee on Finance be instructed to Assess the several Parishes of this Diocese for the purpose of the Bishop's Salary for the ensuing year, and report to-morrow morning.

On motion, it was *Resolved*; That a Committee of three be appointed by the President—who, with the Bishop of the Diocese—shall draft a suitable form for the organization of new Parishes, and report at the next Convention.

The Rev. Mr. LEWIS. Judge GARROW, and Mr. GEORGE CLEAVLAND of Mobile, were appointed said Committee.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates for the General Convention. Dr. WILSON and Mr. JOHN CONLEY were appointed Tellers.

The votes having been taken and counted, the following gentlemen were announced as duly elected :

Rev. S. S. LEWIS,	Mr. M. J. CONLY,
Rev. J. J. SCOTT,	Dr. THOMAS WITHERS,
Rev. N. P. KNAPP, and	Mr. C. T. POLLARD, and
Rev. L. B. Wright,	E. WOLSEY PECK, Esq.,
Of the Clergy, and	Of the Laity.

The Rev. Mr. KNAPP gave the following notice :

Whereas, in consequence of an error in the printed Journal, the action of last Convention upon a proposed substitute for the 4th Article of the Constitution, has been defeated, he will, to-morrow, propose the following substitute for the said 4th Article, viz:

The Convention shall be composed of all Ministers in Ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, who may at stated times, officiate in any Congregation therein, or who may be connected with any incorporated institution of learning therein, or who may have become disabled in the discharge of the duties of the Ministry ; and of Lay members, consisting of a delegation from each Parish.

The Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow.

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SATURDAY, 9 o'Clock, A. M., MAY 3d, 1845.

The Convention met, and the Session was opened with Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN.

The roll was then called, and the Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Convention then took a recess of half an hour, to give time to Committees engaged in preparing their reports.

The half hour having expired, the Convention was called to order, when—

The Chairman of the Committee on Finance, in obedience to a Resolution passed yesterday respecting the unpaid Assessments for the Bishop's Salary, made the following Report :

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration a Resolution upon the subject of delinquent Assessments referred to them, and they have instructed me to Report—that upon an examination of the Assessments made by the last Convention for the Salary of the Bishop, they find St. Paul's Church, Selma, assessed at one hundred dollars. Upon consultation with the Rector, the Committee are of opinion that the assessment upon this Parish was too large. An assurance has been given by the Rector, that fifty dollars will be paid, and the Committee recommend the remission of the remaining fifty dollars.

Upon consultation with the Rector of St. James', Livingston, the Committee would recommend that one hundred dollars of the assessment be remitted ; fifty dollars, which has been paid, being the very largest sum that can at the present be raised by this Parish. Neither Trinity Church Lafayette, St. John's Church Tuscumbia, or Trinity Church Florence, were represented at the last Convention, nor are at this; and the Committee must therefore depend upon very imperfect information as to the ability of these Churches to meet any assessment. From such information however, as they have before them, they would recommend that the assessment on Trinity Church, Lafayette, be remitted, and that the Treasurer address the Rector of St. John's Tuscumbia, and Trinity Church Florence, advising him of the still unpaid assessment upon his Parish, and we believe it will be provided for.

The Committee would remark, that with the sums yet due upon the assessments, which will be paid as we are assured, the salary of the Bishop will be amply provided for, after the remission of such assessments as we have recommended.

All of which the Committee respectfully recommend.

C. T. POLLARD, *Chairman.*

This Report was adopted by the following Resolution :

*Resolved ;* That the Report of the Committee on Finance in relation to the subject of delinquent Parishes be concurred in, and the recommendations of the Committee be adopted by this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. WRIGHT was excused from voting on the above.

A recess was now taken for Divine Service. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. WRIGHT and MURDAUGH. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. JOHNSON.

Service being ended, the Convention was called to order.

The Chairman of the Committee on the state of the Church made the following Report :

Your Committee beg leave to Report—that having heard the Bishop's Address, and examined the Parochial Reports, they come before the Convention with renewed encouragement and increased cause for devout and unfeigned thankfulness, for the success given, by the Great Head of the Church to Ministerial labor, during the past year. The statistics of the several Parishes examined by your Committee exhibit a manifest improvement. The number of Confirmations is 145. The Baptisms of the past year exceed those of the former by about 110. Additions to the Communion,

by about 190—the whole number being 552. Sunday Scholars by above 200; and Contributions to religious purposes by more than \$3,000. The number of Ministers is increased from 14 to 20. New Parishes continue to be formed and new Churches built. Nor has this been the result of any spasmodic efforts, but from a sober, straightforward performance of christian duty, and a corresponding increase of interest and attachment to those good old paths of primitive truth and order in which we profess to walk. There are new signs of life, and we doubt not, that the example and devoted efforts of our Diocesan, and his kind encouragements and cheering words, will tend under God, to nourish these into vigorous and healthy action. We congratulate the Diocese on her now complete organization. We thank God and take courage.

The Committee were glad to find Baptisms, Confirmations, and Communion among our Colored population; and they would express the belief, that were this class of people more zealously sought after and instructed in the principles and Liturgy of the Church, our efforts would be crowned with abundant success. The attention bestowed upon them in a neighboring Diocese, and the result of that attention, serve to convince us that the Services of the Church are peculiarly adapted to their wants and their capacities. Particularly have they been found to be attracted by the musical portions of our Liturgy, wherever they have been taught its language, and thus been enabled to participate in it. And we earnestly recommend, as a duty, the availing ourselves of this source of usefulness.

L. B. WRIGHT, *Chairman.*

The Report was accepted.

The Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine the papers of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to "examine the Report on the Bishop's Fund, together with the papers relating thereto", respectfully report to the Convention, that as no Report on the Bishop's Fund was presented to the Convention, they, of course, have nothing to report thereon: and as to "papers relating thereto," they find the following, viz: 1st, a Deed, duly executed by the late JACOB LORILLARD, Esq., of the city of New York, of a tract of land in Baldwin County, State of Alabama, and duly recorded, given for the purpose of laying the foundation of a Bishop's Fund for the support of a Bishop in the Diocese of Alabama. With respect to this land, your Committee recommend that it be sold as early as is practicable, and that they, the Trustees, be authorized to take early measures to ascertain the value of the same, and dispose of it by sale. Your Committee have learned that the said land is worth, at least, \$500, as a gentleman of Baldwin county is ready to give that sum, so soon as he shall receive a proper deed for the same. Your Committee find 2d, a subscription book, of the date of 1836, containing the names of subscribers to the amount of several thousand dollars to a fund for the support of the Bishop of the Diocese; that all the subscriptions are payable either on demand, or within three years from their date. Having been informed that only a few subscriptions have been paid, small in amount, and which have been expended in paying agents of the Trustees, your Committee recommend that the Trustees be authorized by their Convention to call upon all the subscribers to the same, contained in the said book, who may now be living in the Diocese, in order to learn how much of the same can be collected, and that they have given them full power in the premises:

Your Committee also find a Note of hand, in the sum of \$500, dated Aug. 10, 1842, given by E. W. PECK, Esq. of Tuscaloosa, payable one day after date, with interest, which Note they have the satisfaction of learning has been paid, with \$50 interest thereon, and the Committee recommend that the balance of the interest, up to the present time, be released.

These are all the papers which your Committee find in their possession. They learn that there is the sum of \$25 in cash, in the possession of A. B. Winn, Esq., one of the Trustees, all, or nearly all, of which it will, probably take to pay the taxes which have accrued upon the land aforesaid.

Your Committee also take great pleasure in informing the Convention, that the friends of the Church have finally succeeded in procuring "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, in the Diocese of Alabama."

Your Committee, finally, recommend that a new board of Trustees be elected, who shall have power to adopt such measures, in order to make available what has been already subscribed to the said fund, and to add thereto, as they may, from time to time, deem most advisable.

S. S. Lewis, *Chairman.*

This Report was adopted.

The reading of the Act for the Incorporation of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund by the Legislature of Alabama last winter being called for, it was read, as follows :

#### AN ACT

To incorporate the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, in the Diocese of Alabama.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama, in General Assembly convened,* That Asa B. Winn, David Files, and E. Wolsey Peck, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama," and by that name and style, may sue and be sued, in any Court of law or equity; may have a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure; and may take and hold real and personal estate to the value of fifty thousand dollars, and sell and dispose of the same in such manner as may be most for the benefit of said fund.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the trustees hereby incorporated, may hold their office until the next annual convention of said Church, and until the successors be duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the convention of said Church, at each annual meeting thereof, shall have power to elect three trustees of said fund, and the trustees so to be elected, shall hold the said fund subject to said convention, and in the management, investment, and application of the same, shall be governed by such rules and regulations as the said convention may from time to time prescribe.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That if at any time, between the annual meetings of said Convention, a vacancy shall happen by the death, resignation, or removal, or otherwise, of any one or more of said trustees, such vacancy or vacancies may be filled by the standing committee of said Church.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That if a trustee shall at any time desire to resign, he may do so by a written resignation to be signed by him, and addressed to the President of the said standing committee.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That all donations and promises to pay money, or other thing, heretofore made to any person or persons, the object and intent of which was to support the Episcopate of said Church in said Diocese, shall by virtue of this act, vest in said trustees and their successors in office; and that no donation or promise hereafter to be made for the purpose aforesaid, shall be lost or defeated, by reason of any want of description or misdescription of the donee or promisee: *Provided,* the intention of the donor or promiser can be made to appear: *Provided,* that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the Legislature from altering or repealing this act.

Approved January 24, 1945.

{Act No. 185, Gen. Assembly.}

On motion, *Resolved* ; That the Charter granted by this Act of the last Legislature, to incorporate the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund in the Diocese of Alabama, be, and the same is hereby accepted.

And be it further *Resolved* ; That the Convention now proceed to elect by ballot the Trustees of said Fund.

E. WOLSEY PECK, ISAAC CROOM, and GEORGE CLEAVLAND were elected.

On motion, *Resolved* ; That the present Secretary of this Convention be respectfully requested to write up all the proceedings of preceeding Conventions, which may not have been duly recorded ; and that as he may be obliged to refer to the printed Journals for the said proceedings, he shall have authority to make alterations from the printed Journals whenever he shall have reason to believe, from any source, errors may exist, and that he note all such alterations on the book of Records.

It was moved and seconded, that the following addition be made to the 2d Article of the Missionary Society :

A Treasurer shall be also elected annually by the Convention, whose duty it shall be to receive all monies collected for the use of this Society, and to disburse the same by the written order of the Bishop.

It was adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee on so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to a Diocesan School, made the following Report :

The Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the establishment of a Diocesan School, report favorably to such a measure. They recommend early action, and submit the following mode of action, for the consideration of the Convention.

That the officiating Minister in each Parish appoint a suitable person or persons to obtain private subscriptions in and out of the congregation, the subscriptions to be paid whenever the Convention shall determine to carry their views into effect, and

That each Parish report to the next Convention. Respectfully submitted.  
N. P. KNAPP, Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

The Convention went into the election of the Committee of the Missionary Society, for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

The Rev. Messrs. LEWIS and SCOTT, and E. W. PECK and M. J. CONLEY were appointed the Committee, and T. W. MCCOY of Mobile, Treasurer.



The Chairman of the Committee on Finance made a Report on the Assessment of the Parishes for the Bishop's Salary, which was received and laid on the Table.

It was then moved, That whereas, satisfactory evidence has been presented to the Convention, that Articles of Association of St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw, have been duly prepared and authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of this Association, it is the sense of this Convention that the 2d Canon of the Diocese has been in spirit complied with, and that therefore the said Parish be received into union with this Convention.\*

This motion was lost; the Clergy voting ayes 3—noes 6; the Laity ayes 1—noes 6.

The Report on the Assessment of the Bishop's Salary was now called up and amended, first by striking out 65 and inserting 100; and secondly by striking out St. Stephen's, Eutaw, inasmuch as for want of the papers, it was not received.

As thus amended the Report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance have complied with the Resolution instructing them to Assess the Parishes of the Diocese for the Salary of the Bishop, and have instructed me to Report as follows.

Christ Church, Mobile,	:	:	:	\$500
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,	:	:	:	200
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	:	:	:	150
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,	:	:	:	150
St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo County,	:	:	:	100
Union Parish, Marengo and Perry counties,	:	:	:	100
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	:	:	:	50
St. John's Church, in the Prairies,	:	:	:	30
St. James' Church, Livingston,	:	:	:	50
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	:	:	:	50
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,	:	:	:	50
St. James' Church, Carlowville,	:	:	:	50
Trinity Church, Lafayette,	:	:	:	25
St. John's Church, Tusculumbia, }	:	:	:	50
Trinity Church, Florence. }	:	:	:	
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,	:	:	:	50
St. David's Church, Dallas county,	:	:	:	50
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	:	:	:	25
Christ Church, Hayneville,	:	:	:	25
St. John's, in the Wilderness,	:	:	:	25
St. James' Church, Eufaula,	:	:	:	25
Christ Church, Wetumpka,	:	:	:	20

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C. T. POLLARD, *Chairman*.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock.

\*The papers referred to in the above motion came to hand early the next Monday morning by the mail.—Sec'y.

**Convention met and the roll was called—Present as before.**

In accordance with a Resolution, passed yesterday, the following amendments to the 7th Article of the Constitution were passed unanimously, and laid over for the concurrence of the next Convention:

The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a fair well written account of all the proceedings of this body, in a book to be provided for that purpose; to arrange and preserve all valuable and original papers, and to transfer the same with the Record Book to his successor in office. It shall also be his duty to give a written notice to every Clergyman and Parish in the Diocese, of the time and place of every Convention.

On motion *Resolved*; That the meeting of the next Convention be held in Carlowville, on the first Thursday of May 1846.

Name of the Rector \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS —



The Rev. Mr. KNAPP now called up the amendments to the 4th Article of the Constitution of which he gave notice yesterday, (see on page 30.) They were adopted without opposition and laid over for concurrence to the next Convention.

*Ordered*; That the Secretary have 500 copies of this Journal printed.

On motion *Resolved*; That we tender the thanks of this Convention to the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Parish, for the use of their Church; and to the Citizens of Montgomery, for their liberal hospitality.

The Bishop then addressed the Convention in a few appropriate remarks, and concluded with prayer.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

NICHOLAS H. COBBS, *President*.

ETHAN ALLEN, *Secretary*.

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There was public Worship and a Sermon on each night of the Convention.

On Sunday Morning, May the 4th, the Rev. Messrs. WRIGHT & HANSON read the Service—the Bishop preached the Ordination Sermon and Ordained the Rev. JOHN L. GAY, Presbyterian. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. SCOTT.

There was Divine Service in the Afternoon at 5 o'clock, and at Night the Rev. Mr. LEWIS preached the Missionary Sermon; after which a Collection was taken up. The Bishop then Confirmed 9 persons.

On Sunday May 11, the Bishop Confirmed 6 persons at St. James', Eufaula.

## APPENDIX.

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The following are the Canons referred to at the foot of page 19.

### CANON XII.

#### OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

**Sec. 3.** Every Minister of the Diocese shall, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop of the Diocese, or (if there be no Bishop) to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, and Confirmations, within his cure, since the last Convention, and also the number of Communicants; specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other Churches, or otherwise, during the same time; and also of the number of Pupils and Teachers connected with the Sunday School; and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collections; together with a concise statement of whatever other matter may be important in showing the state of the Parish.

**Sec. 4.** In every case where a Parish is destitute of a Minister, the Register contemplated by this Canon shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the Annual Parochial Reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or the President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish.

### CANON VIII.

#### OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF 1841.

**Sec. 1.** As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered, that every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, and Funerals, and of the number of Communicants in his Parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman, not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in Convention, and shall be entered on the Journals thereof.

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# ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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\*See Bishop's Address.

## DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

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GEORGE CLEAVLAND, Jr., Mobile.

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### *Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention:*

REV. ETHAN ALLEN, Tuscaloosa.

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NOTE.—Any of the Parish or Bishop's Assessments now due, it is desired may be sent to the Treasurer as early as practicable. The Parish Assessment of St. James', Livingston, has been received since the Journal went to press.



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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

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**1846.**



**LIST OF CLERGY**  
**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE.**


**RIGHT REV. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,**.....Bishop of the Diocese, Tuscaloosa.  
**Rev. F. M. BAKER,**.....Deacon, officiating in Demopolis.  
" **F. R. HANSON,**.....Rector of St. John's in the Prairies, Greene co.  
" **WM. JOHNSON,**.....Rector of St. David's, Dallas county.  
" **N. P. KNAPP,**.....Rector of St. John's, Montgomery.  
" **F. B. LEE,**.....Minister of St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.  
" **J. H. LINEBAUGH,**.....Deacon, officiating at Selma and Cahawba.  
" **J. S. MARBURY,**.....Rector of St. Paul's, Greensborough.  
" **J. A. MASSEY,**.....Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Mobile.  
" **B. M. MILLER,**.....Missionary in Mobile.  
" **E. C. MURDAUGH,**..Deacon, officiating in Woodville, and in St. Michael's.

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE.**

**Rev. E. ALLEN,**.....Residing in Dayton, Ohio.  
" **D. BROWN,**.....Minister of Trinity Church, Florence.  
" **THOS. A. COOK,**.....Teacher in Talladega.  
" **R. G. HAYS,**....Deacon, Teaching in Greensboro', and officiating in vicinity.  
" **C. S. IVES,**.....Minister at Matagorda, Texas.  
" **S. S. LEWIS,**.....Rector of Christ Church, Mobile.  
" **F. H. L. LAIRD,**.....Minister of the Church of Nativity, Huntsville.  
" **C. F. PEAKE,**....Deacon, officiating in Eutaw, and in the Fork of Greene.  
" **A. S. SMITH,**.....Teaching in Tuscaloosa, Missionary in Northport.  
" **S. B. WRIGHT.**

## LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

|                                        |                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Christ Church, Mobile,.....            | EDWARD HALL,<br>*WM. M. GARROW,<br>HENRY STICKNEY,<br>THOMAS LESESNE,<br>*E. G. BENNERS.    |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....        | E. W. PECK,<br>JOEL WHITE,<br>C. M. FOSTER,<br>*CARTER R. HARRISON.                         |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....    | C. T. POLLARD,<br>*J. P. TAYLOR,<br>JAMES H. TAYLOR,<br>THOMAS B. TAYLOR,<br>*THOMAS WELSH. |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....   | THOMAS WITHERS,<br>ISAAC CROOM,<br>*TURNER WILSON,<br>*ENOCH SAWYER,<br>A. BARNUM.          |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....       | A. R. JONES,<br>J. C. BRANCH,<br>*E. F. MONTAGUE,<br>*G. F. CUSHMAN,<br>*H. A. TAYLOE.      |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....         | J. R. PURNELL,<br>*W. WADDEL, Jr.<br>A. G. MABRY,<br>GEORGE BREWER,<br>A. S. JEFFRIES.      |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,... | *W. H. D. HALL,<br>JOHN ADAMS,<br>*PAUL LEE.                                                |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,.....   | *H. ALLISON,<br>*L. E. DAWSON,<br>*P. S. H. LEE,<br>*JOHN SIMPSON,<br>J. M. LEE.            |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County,...  | *JOHN ELLERBEE.                                                                             |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,.....       | THOMAS M. MATHEWS,<br>*ASHLEY W. SPAIGHT.                                                   |
| Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Co.,   | *JAMES L. PRICE,<br>RICHARD H. ADAMS,<br>*D. H. MINGE.                                      |

 Delegates marked thus ( \* ) were present at the Convention.

### PARISHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Trinity Church, Demopolis,  
Christ Church, Wetumpka,  
Trinity Church, Lafayette, Chambers County,  
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,  
Trinity Church, Florence,  
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,  
Christ Church, Hayneville, Lowndes County,  
St. James' Church, Eufaula,  
St. Stephen's Church, Eatow,  
St. James' Church, Livingston,  
St. John's, in the Wilderness, Russell County,  
St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene County,  
St. Michael's Church, Marion, Perry County.

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CARLOWVILLE, May 7, 1846.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 15th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Right Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, took the Chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Rev. F. B. LEE was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

In accordance with the 9th Canon of this Diocese, the Bishop laid on the table the following list of Clergymen, *canonically* resident in the Diocese :

**LIST OF THE CLERGY**

Canonically belonging to the Diocese of Alabama, May 7th, 1846 :

N. H. COBBS, Bishop of the P. E. C. in Alabama.

Rev. E. ALLEN, residing in Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. F. M. BAKER, Deacon, officiating in Demopolis.

Rev. D. BROWN, Minister of Trinity Church, Florence.

Rev. THOMAS A. COOK, Teaching in Talladega.

Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector of St. John's Church, in the Prairies, Greene Co., and St. Andrew's Church, Marengo Co.

Rev. R. G. HAYS, Deacon, teaching in Greensborough, and officiating to some congregations in the vicinity.

Rev. C. S. IVES, Minister at Matagorda, Texas.

Rev. WM. JOHNSON, Rector of St. David's Church, Dallas Co.

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Rev. J. H. LINEBAUGH, Deacon, officiating at Selma and Cahawba.

Rev. F. H. L. LAIRD, Minister of the Church of Nativity, Huntsville.

Rev. J. S. MARBURY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Assistant Minister of Christ's Church, Mobile.

Rev. B. M. MILLER, Missionary in Mobile.



Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH, Deacon, officiating in Woodville, and in St. Michael's Chapel.

Rev. C. F. PEAKE, Deacon, officiating in Eutaw, and in the Fork of Greene.

Rev. A. S. SMITH, teaching a Female Academy in Tuskalooza, Missionary in Northport.

Rev. L. B. WRIGHT.

The roll of the Clergy was then called, and the following gentlemen answered to their names :

Rev. F. M. BAKER,

" F. R. HANSON,

" WM. JOHNSON,

Rev. N. P. KNAPP,

" F. B. LEE,

" J. H. LINEBAUGH.

The Rev. Messrs. Johnson, Hanson and Linebaugh were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of appointment of the Lay Delegates. The Delegates then present handed in their testimonials of appointment.

The Rev. B. M. MILLER, Rev. J. S. MARRBURY, and Rev. J. A. MASSEY, appeared after the roll was called, and took their seats.

After examination, the Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates made the following report :

"The Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates have examined the same, and report that the following named Parishes have duly appointed the persons herein named, their Delegates to represent them in the present Convention.

WM. JOHNSON, Chairman."

*St. Paul's Church, Carlsville*—H. L. Allison, L. E. Dawson, P. S. H. Lee, John Simpson, J. H. Lee.

*Christ Church, Mobile*—Edward Hall, Wm. M. Garrow, Henry Stickney, Thomas Lesesne, E. G. Benners.

*St. Andrew's Church, Macon*—A. R. Jones, J. C. Branch, E. F. Montague, G. F. Cushman, H. A. Tayloe.

*St. David's Church, Dallas County*—John Ellerbee.

*Christ Church, Tuskalooza*—E. W. Peck, Joel White, C. M. Foster, Carter R. Harrison.

*Trinity Church, Demopolis*—A. R. Manning, C. Coon, James B. Lewis.

*St. John's Church, Montgomery*—C. T. Pollard, J. P. Taylor, Jas. H. Taylor, Thomas B. Taylor, Thomas Welsh.

On motion, it was resolved that the report be accepted.

The names of the Delegates being called, the following gentlemen answered thereto :

CARTER R. HARRISON,

WM. M. GARROW,

E. G. BENNERS,

E. F. MONTAGUE,

GEO. F. CUSHMAN,

H. A. TAYLOE,

JOHN ELLERBEE,

P. S. H. LEE,

H. L. ALLISON,

JOHN SIMPSON,

J. P. TAYLOR,

THOMAS WELSH.

HENRY A. TAYLOE was elected Secretary.

The President then declared the Convention duly organized.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, the Convention took a recess for Divine Service. The Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, and the Lessons by the Rev. Mr. Hanson. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Knapp, from the words—"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." St. John, 10th ch. 21st v.

Divine Service being over, the Convention was called to order by the President.

Permission being asked, leave was granted to the Secretary to appoint an Assistant—Wm. M. GARROW was appointed.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted. The Rules of Order were then read by the Secretary.

The following Committees were appointed by the President in accordance with the 3d Rule of Order :

*Committee on the Admission of New Parishes*—The Rev. Messrs. Johnson and Linebaugh, and Mr. Harrison.

*Committee on the State of the Church*—The Rev. Messrs. Knapp, Hanson, Massey, Miller, and Marbury.

*Committee on Unfinished Business*—The Rev. Mr. Lee, and Mess. Benners and Ellerbee.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the names of the movers of resolutions do not appear on the journal.

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, May 8—9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met, and the session was opened with Prayer by the Bishop.

The roll was called—the same present as on yesterday. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Delegates from several Parishes appeared and presented their testimonials of appointment, which were referred to the Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, who, after examining the same, made the following report :

"The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates report that the following Parishes have appointed the persons herein named, to represent them in the present Convention.

WM. JOHNSON, Chairman."

*St. Paul's Church, Selma*—J. R. Purnell, W. Waddel, Jr., A. G. Mabry, George Brewer, and A. S. Jeffries.

*St. Paul's Church, Greensborough*—Thos. Withers, Isaac Croom, Turner Wilson, Enoch Sawyer, and A. Barnum.

*St. Peter's Church, Lowndes*—W. H. D. Hall, Paul Lee, and John Adams.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

Their names were then called, and

TURNER WILSON,  
W. H. D. HALL,  
W. WADDEL, Jr.,

ENOCH SAWYER,  
PAUL LEE,

were found to be present, and took their seats.

The President appointed the following persons to compose the Committee on Finance : F. G. Benners, C. R. Harrison, E. F. Montague, John Ellerbee, H. L. Allison, J. P. Taylor, and Turner Wilson.

The Rev. Mr. Linebaugh presented Articles of Association from St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

The Rev. Mr. MURDAUGH appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Hanson, from the Standing Committee, made the following report :

"At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, held in the city of Montgomery, May 3d, 1845, at which the Rev. Messrs. S. S. Lewis, J. J. Scott, and F. R. Hanson, and Dr. Thomas Withers, a lay member, were present : the Rev. Samuel S. Lewis was elected President, and the Rev. J. J. Scott, Secretary, of said Committee for the ensuing year.

"At the same time and place, the Standing Committee signed the testimonials of the Rev. John L. Gay, a Deacon, desirous of being admitted to the Order of Priesthood, and of Mr. J. W. Smith, of Eufaula, desirous to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders.

"Attest :

J. J. SCOTT, Sec'ry.

"At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held at Macon, Marengo county, June 22d, 1845, the testimonials in behalf of Mr. James Henry Ticknor, of Russel county, wishing to become a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church, were signed by all the members of the Committee present.

"Attest :

J. J. SCOTT, Sec'ry.

"At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, held in Greensboro', July 16th, 1845, the consent of the Committee was given to the consecration of the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., a Presbyter of New-York and Bishop elect of Pennsylvania, and the usual testimonials were signed.

"Attest :

J. J. SCOTT, Sec'ry.

"At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, held in Greensboro', September 2d, 1845, the usual testimonials in behalf of a person desirous to become a candidate for Holy Orders, were presented by Mr. Horace L. E. Pratt, of Tuscaloosa, and being found canonical, were signed by the Committee present, who composed a majority.

"Attest :

J. J. SCOTT, Sec'ry."

The Rev. Mr. Lee, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following Report :

"The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that



they have examined the Journal of the last Convention and find the following matters claiming the attention of this body at the present time:

"1st. A proposed substitute for the 4th article of the Constitution.

"2d. The reports of Parishes relative to amount of subscriptions obtained toward a Diocesan School fund.

"3d. Certain amendments to the 1st, 2d and 3d sections of 7th article of the Constitution.

F. B. LEE, Chairman."

The Rev. Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on the admission of new Parishes, made the following report:

"The Committee on the admission of new Parishes, having had the Articles of Association of St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, under consideration, find the same in proper form, and recommend that said Church be admitted into union with the Diocese.

WM. JOHNSON, Chairman."

On motion, the report was concurred in.

The Parochial reports were then read. (See Appendix B.)

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year. Messrs. Allison and Ellerbee were appointed tellers.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That a committee of nomination be appointed by the President, and the Rev. Messrs. Knapp, Hanson and Massey, and Messrs. Wilson and Tayloe were appointed said committee.

The above committee, after consultation, recommended the following named gentlemen to compose the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. Messrs. N. P. KNAPP, B. M. MILLER and J. A. MASSEY of the Clergy, and Messrs. M. J. CONLEY, WM. M. GARROW and THOMAS W. MCCOY of the Laity; and they were duly elected.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the following amendment be made to the 9th rule of order, viz: after the word "and" insert "if demanded," so as to read "if demanded reduced to writing."

The report of the late Secretary and Treasurer was handed in by the Bishop, and referred to the Committee of Finance.

The report of E. W. Peck, Esq., from the Trustees of the Bishop's fund, was presented by the Bishop, and read.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the report of E. W. Peck, from the Trustees of the Bishop's fund be accepted, and referred to a committee consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen, with instructions to report to this Convention the best means of increasing that fund. The Rev. Mr. Knapp and Messrs. Taylor and Garrow were appointed said committee.

The Convention then took a recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service the Convention was called to order.

L. E. Dawson, a delegate from St. Paul's Church at Carlowville, appeared and took his seat.

The Bishop then delivered his address, as follows :

In presenting myself again before the Convention of the Diocese and in tendering to the brethren my affectionate Christian salutation, I would offer my humble thanks to Almighty God for that kind Providence which has spared us to meet together in council—for the blessings of his Grace that have accompanied the ministration of his word, and for the peace and harmony that have prevailed in the midst of our borders. And I am sure that all will unite with me in the earnest prayer that our Conventional meetings may ever be characterized by kindness and brotherly love, that in all our deliberations we may remember our high and holy vocation, and that all our works may be so begun, continued and ended, as to glorify God in our mutual edification, and in the extension and prosperity of his Church. In all that we say and in all that we do, let us never forget that we are the professed followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, and that, whatever may be our protestations, unless we have the spirit of Christ we are none of his. If we will meet and act together in the true spirit of our Lord and Master, and under a solemn sense of our accountability to God, our Conventions will always be refreshing seasons, we shall be knit together in the bonds of love, and we shall go forth to our respective fields of labor encouraged and strengthened to be more and more zealous and faithful in the great work of laboring for the conversion and salvation of souls.

Immediately after the close of our last Convention in Montgomery, I admitted to the order of Priests, the Rev. J. L. Gay. In the afternoon of the same Sunday I confirmed nine persons, and on the next day left the city with the conviction that the exercises of our Convention had left a salutary impression.

May 6th, 1845—Visited the neat and flourishing town of Tuskegee, and preached at night to a large congregation. Here we have no house of worship and no Minister, and yet I should consider the field an inviting one for the building up of the Church. Whilst here I baptized two children.

May 9th, 10th and 11th—Preached several times to good congregations in Eufaula, and administered the rite of Confirmation to six persons. There were two or three other points in the neighborhood which I wished to visit, but was prevented for the want of time. Although this Parish is now vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Gay, I regard it as an interesting and promising field. By the union of Eufaula and St. John's in the Wilderness, a Minister could be most comfortably supported, and I know of no place in the Diocese in which one might labor with more encouraging prospects of success. Indeed I doubt not but that by the addition of the villages of Glenville and Clayton, in a little time two Parishes could be formed having the ability to sustain themselves.

May 15th—Visited the interesting town of Marion, and preached at night to a large and respectful auditory. Although a Parish was organized here some years ago, yet we have no Church and no Minister. There are however some attached members and friends. On many accounts this is a very important point to be occupied, and I cannot but believe that a good congregation might readily be formed. There is hardly a place in the Diocese in which I am more anxious to see the Church established than in Marion.

SUNDAY, May 18th—Officiated in the morning and in the afternoon in Greensboro', and baptized three children. Since my visit to this place the Rev. Mr. Marbury was called to the Rectorship of the Parish, and in the fall entered on the discharge of his duties with very flattering prospects of usefulness. Previous to the arrival of Mr. Marbury, the Rev. Mr. Hays very kindly officiated in the Church, and

kept the congregation from dispersing. For his faithful and disinterested services, Mr. Hays deserves much commendation. He is now preaching to some congregations in the neighborhood of Greensboro', and, as I trust, will thus lay the foundation of future Parishes.

**SUNDAY, May 25th**—Assisted the Rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, in the administration of the Lord's Supper, and in the afternoon preached in Northport.

**SUNDAY, June 1st**—Read prayers for the Rector of Christ Church in the morning, and in the afternoon preached to a large congregation of colored people.

**June 7th and 8th**—Visited Eutaw, and preached several times to large and attentive congregations. I confirmed five persons, and was much gratified by the good prospects of this interesting field. I felt encouraged to hope that the Church, though so recently presented, would commend itself to this intelligent community.

**June 10th**—Preached to a small congregation at Burton's Hill, in the Fork of Greene.

**June 11th**—Visited the town of Gainesville, but was prevented from holding service by a heavy fall of rain. In this town the ground is so much pre-occupied, that I fear there is not much prospect of building up the Church at present.

**June 12th**—Visited Sumpterville, and preached at night to a good congregation. In this neighborhood are materials for the formation of a congregation. Nothing is wanted but the regular services of a Clergyman.

**June 13th, 14th and 15th**—Went to Livingston, and preached a number of times to good and interested audiences and confirmed four. Several had been previously confirmed during my visit in March. The Church here is in a healthy and flourishing state. Since my visit the Rev. Mr. Scott has resigned his charge, and the Parish is now vacant. Measures are being taken for the obtaining of another Clergyman, and I trust that by the blessing of God this important point will soon again be occupied.

**June 17th**—Again visited Eutaw, and confirmed four other persons.

**June 22d**—Officiated in Northport, a town hitherto overlooked by the Church, but in which we have some friends and members.

**June 29th**—Preached again in Northport.

**July 2d**—Admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, Mr. Charles F. Peake, from Panacola, Florida, being authorised to do so by the Rt. Rev. Stephen Elliott, Jr., provisional Bishop of Florida. Prayers were read by the Rev. Messrs. Hanson and Linebaugh. The Sermon was by the Rev. Mr. Allen. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Hanson.

**July 6th**—Officiated in the morning and afternoon in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. The services in the afternoon were for the benefit of the colored people, of whom a good number attended.

**July 11th**—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, on occasion of the Governor's Proclamation appointing a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. I felt it to be a duty and a privilege, both as a citizen and a Minister, to comply with this christian request of the Governor. I regard it as a matter of vast importance that God should be recognized and worshipped by the whole nation, in the most formal and official manner.

In consequence of the removal of the Rev. Mr. Allen to Ohio, I have officiated in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, whenever I was at home, from the first of July to the present time. During my absence the Pulpit is supplied by the Rev. A. S. Smith, who came into the Diocese in October last, and who has established a Female School in Tuscaloosa. Mr. Smith is also acting as a Missionary at Northport with encouraging

prospects of usefulness. It was my intention to devote the three fall months to a missionary tour through the parts of the State in which we have no organized Parishes, but I was prevented from executing my purpose by sickness and affliction in my family. I yet hope in the course of a year or two to visit every county and town in the State.

September 30th—In Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, administered the rite of confirmation to fifteen persons. The occasion seemed to be one of unusual solemnity and interest.

October 21st—This day performed the painful duty of displacing from the Ministry, Julien E. Sawyer, a Presbyterian of this Diocese, in presence of the Rev. Messrs. Smith and Linebaugh. This was done at his own request, and for causes not affecting his moral character.

November 1st—Held a second confirmation in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and admitted four persons to that rite.

November 16th—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed twenty-three persons, of whom two were colored. In this town there had been much religious excitement, with which all the different congregations more or less sympathized. To meet this state of things, and to keep his congregation from being driven about by every wind of doctrine, the Rector very judiciously multiplied his services and diligently visited from house to house among his people. In this way, he demonstrated that the Church, without departing from any of her principles or rules, could furnish an adequate supply of food to the most stimulated appetite, and thus effectually obviate one of the popular objections against her forms and offices. By pursuing this course, the Rector was enabled to strengthen his communion, and to establish his congregation on a permanent basis.

November 18th—Preached at Mount Meigs and confirmed four persons. Here, in this interesting neighborhood, is a wide field for the establishment of a good congregation. Nothing is needed but the regular services of a Minister.

November 20th—Visited Wetumpka, preached twice, confirmed two persons, and baptized four children. Here a Minister is greatly needed. Since my visit, I have appointed Mr. J. A. Norman to act as Lay Reader in the Church there, who informs me that he is encouraged by the prospects before him.

December 28th—Visited the Parish of St. John's in the Wilderness, Russel County, and preached in the morning to a very attentive congregation. At night, I officiated at the house of Major E. B. Fishburn, baptized ten of his servants and confirmed eighteen. It was truly gratifying to see how familiar these colored people were with the services of the Church, and how deeply they seemed to be interested in them. On this Plantation there are twenty-six communicants belonging to the Church. These happy results have been brought about by the faithful instructions of the Master and Mistress, who, every Sunday, read the service of the Church and a Sermon to their assembled servants. They have thus clearly demonstrated the adaptation of the Church services to the capacities of the colored people, and how much good can be accomplished under the most adverse circumstances by patient and persevering effort.

December 30th—Visited the town of Columbus, Georgia, and preached at night for the Rev. Mr. Cairns.

January 5th, 1846—Preached in Selma twice to very attentive congregations.—Since my visit, the Rev. Mr. Linebaugh has succeeded the Rev. Mr. Wright in the charge of this Parish and of Cahawba, and has entered upon his duties with the most

flattering prospects of being extensively useful. I trust that this is yet to be a flourishing Parish.

SUNDAY, January 11th—Preached in the morning and evening in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

SUNDAY, January 18th—Preached twice in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

SUNDAY, January 25th—Visited Mobile, and preached in Christ Church in the morning, and in the afternoon for the Rev. Mr. Miller, acting as Missionary in the City, and who is collecting around him a new congregation with the most encouraging hopes of success. All my expectations with regard to this Mission were realized.

SUNDAY, February 1st—Visited Demopolis, but held no service, having mistaken the regular days on which the Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Baker, officiates in that town.

SUNDAY, February 8th—Preached in the morning in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and in the afternoon in Northport.

SUNDAY, February 15th—Officiated morning and evening in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

February 22d and 23d—Visited the town of Jacksonville, Benton County, preached four times, confirmed three persons, and administered the holy communion. Here we have a few very warmly attached and devoted members, and an interesting congregation could readily be built up, if the services of a Minister could be secured. I should be greatly gratified to see a Missionary settled in that part of the Diocese.

February 24th—Visited Talladega, and preached twice. In this town the Rev. Mr. Cook resides, having the charge of a large Female School. Being in feeble health, he does not now attend to the duties of the Ministry, but I trust it will not be long before he will again be able to go forth and proclaim the message of salvation. It is melancholy to reflect that, in all that beautiful country lying east of the Coosa River, there is not an officiating Minister of the Church. May the Lord, in his good Providence, soon send forth a faithful Clergyman to labor in that neglected field.

SUNDAY, March 1st—Preached to a small congregation near the town of Montevallo, in the County of Shelby.

SUNDAY, March 8th—Officiated in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and in Northport.

SUNDAY, March 15th—Visited Eutaw, and preached in the morning and at night. Since my visit, the Rev. Mr. Peake has taken charge of this Parish and of the Fork in Greene county, vacated by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Linebaugh. I think Mr. Peake has very much in the prospect before him to encourage him.

SUNDAY, March 22d—Preached in the morning and at night in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa; also, catechised the children of the congregation.

SUNDAY, March 29th—Visited Mobile, and preached in the morning in Christ Church, and in the afternoon for the Rev. Mr. Miller, in his Mission Church, and again at night in Christ Church.

April 1st and 2d—At the request of the Right Rev. Stephen Elliott, D. D., Provisional Bishop of Florida, I visited Pensacola, and administered the rite of confirmation to thirty-two persons in the congregation of the Rev. Mr. Peake. I also, at the request of the Rector, baptized an adult. I found this Parish prospering under the Ministry of its faithful Rector.

PALM SUNDAY, April 5th—Preached in Mobile, in the morning, for the Rev. Mr. Miller, in his Mission Church, and in the afternoon in Christ Church, and confirmed twenty-three. My pleasure in visiting these interesting congregations was much diminished by the absence of the Rev. Mr. Lewis, who had gone to Texas with the hope of benefitting his health. I have since learned with unaffected sorrow that this much loved and useful Brother has felt himself constrained, in consequence of increasing bodily infirmities, to resign his important charge. I can truly say that I regard the removal of such an one from the midst of us, as a loss to the whole Diocese.

His praise is in all the Church as a faithful, devoted, affectionate, prudent, evangelical, and efficient Minister of the Gospel, and I am sure that every member of this Convention will unite with me, and with multitudes throughout the State of Alabama, in the earnest prayer that Almighty God may mercifully restore him to health, and spare him yet many days for the service of his Church and Kingdom.

GOOD FRIDAY, Easter Eve. and Easter—Preached in Greensborough twice on each day. There were good congregations in attendance during all the exercises, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. As some of the candidates were necessarily absent, it was thought expedient to postpone the confirmation till another period. The prospects of this Parish are decidedly improving.

April 15th—Attended in Tuscaloosa the first examination of H. L. E. Pratt, a candidate for orders, conducted by two Presbyters appointed for that purpose.

April 17th—Preached in St. John's Church, in the Prairies, in Greene County, and confirmed one person. This congregation, though small, is improving.

April 18th and 19th—Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Prairieville, to a very good and attentive congregation, and confirmed three persons. Also catechised the children in the presence of the congregation; and this I would respectfully recommend to the several Rectors to ask at the hands of the Bishop on every occasion of his visit to their Parishes. The prospect for a large and flourishing Parish in this neighborhood is very encouraging; and yet, in my visit to this Parish, I could not but notice with painful feelings the vacuum caused by the absence of one who had been among the first to espouse the cause of the Church in the Diocese of Alabama, and whose kind and cordial hospitality had often furnished a delightful home to the weary Minister. I allude to the late A. B. Winn, Esq., in whose death, the Church has sustained the loss of one of her most devoted and faithful members.

April 22d and 23d—Preached twice in Demopolis, and confirmed one person. Although the weather was very unfavorable, and the congregations consequently small, yet it was evident that the prospects of the Church are brightening under the labors of the Missionary at that place. At the request of the Minister, baptized an infant.

April 24th—Preached to a small but very serious congregation in the Chapel of St. Michael's. In this neighborhood it is expected that a new Church will soon be built. In the evening, at the request of the Minister, baptized three children.

April 25th and 26th—Preached to large and attentive audiences in Woodville, and confirmed four persons. In this neighborhood there is a very encouraging prospect for the permanent establishment of the Church.

In the afternoon of Sunday, the 26th, I returned to the Chapel of St. Michael's and preached to a large and interested congregation of colored persons, and confirmed three of them. There is good reason to hope for the blessing of God on the labors of the Minister who steadily officiates among these people. In the evening of the same day, I visited the house of Dr. Thomas Harrison, and heard his excellent Lady catechise her class of colored children. For a length of time Mrs. Harrison has been in the habit of giving regular instruction to her servants by reading the services of the Church, and by steadily catechising the children. I have hardly ever heard the catechism more correctly repeated than by her interesting class of colored children. It was impossible to hear their prompt answers, and to listen to their excellent singing and chanting, without the liveliest sensibility. I am gratified in stating that several other wealthy and influential ladies in the same neighborhood are zealously engaged in the same cause, and are steadily furnishing religious instruction to the servants on their large estates. I am well persuaded that experience will always demonstrate that the services of the Church are eminently suited to the wants and circumstances of the colored people. They embody the elementary instruction specially needed by that class of people, and they seem by constant repetition to fasten truth upon the

memory and conscience: and besides the benefit of its devotional teaching, the Liturgy furnishes in its chants and responses something that is peculiarly in harmony with the genius, and taste and habits of the African race.

May 2d and 3d—Visited St. David's Church, Dallas County, preached three times, and confirmed four persons. Though the congregation here is a small one, it is yet an interesting one, and I trust will yet become large and flourishing. The Minister of this Parish gives stated instruction to the colored people on some of the plantations in the neighborhood. He is aided in his benevolent efforts by some members of his congregation, who catechise a large class of the servants on the afternoons of Sunday.

May 4th—Visited Cahawba, and preached in the evening. As the Rev. Mr. Linebaugh gives a part of his time to this town, I trust soon to see the prospects of the Church reviving.

The changes that have taken place among the Clergy are as follows: The Rev. Mr. Allen has resigned the Church in Tuscaloosa, and though canonically connected with this Diocese, is now residing in Ohio. The Rev. Messrs. Scott and Gay have removed to Florida. The Rev. Mr. Linebaugh has relinquished the charge of the Parish in Eataw and accepted a call to the Church in Selma, which had become vacant by the resignation of the former Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Wright. The Rev. Messrs. Miller, and Marbury, and Smith, and Baker, and Peake, have been added to the list of the Clergy since the last Convention.

There are now six candidates for Orders, belonging to the Diocese, viz: Wm. A. Stickney, J. W. Smith, H. L. E. Pratt, J. A. L. Norman, J. H. Ticknor, and R. A. Cobbe.

I would take this occasion to call the attention of the members of the Church to the importance of sustaining the Diocesan Missionary Society. In the present exigencies of the Diocese I know of no charitable institution that has stronger claims on our liberality. At this time there are two Missionaries supported in part by this Society. If they could be obtained, I would gladly send Missionaries to Livingston, to Church Hill and Hayneville, to Mount Meigs, to Wetumpka, to St. John's in the Wilderness and Eufaula, to Lafayette, Jacksonville, Talladega, Tuscumbia, and Marion. Whilst on this subject I feel it a duty to bear my humble testimony to the benefits conferred on Alabama by the General Missionary Society, and to express my earnest hope that contributions may annually be made to its funds by every Parish in the Diocese. I am happy to say, that notwithstanding our weakness, and the multitude of our own wants, Alabama gave during the last year about 600 dollars to that Society.

I would again urge the importance of taking prompt and efficient measures for the establishment of a Female Institute to be under the control of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and as one means of securing an object so desirable, I would suggest that a Board of Trustees be appointed by the present Convention, with instructions to take such measures as they may deem most expedient. I am persuaded that in such a cause nothing is wanted to ensure success but a beginning. And here I would recommend to the patronage of the Church, the Female School of the Rev. A. S. Smith, who has been induced, at my solicitation, to establish himself in Tuscaloosa. Having long and intimately known Mr. Smith, I can with great confidence commend him to the favorable consideration of the public.

As I have travelled over the wide tract of country in this Diocese, I have ascertained that there are many Episcopal families thinly scattered over its surface.—These families are too far removed from each other to be organized into congregations, and yet it is painful to think that they should be lost to the Church. I would therefore earnestly request of the Clergy that they should occasionally make short missionary excursions into the circumjacent neighborhoods, to find out and visit the

isolated Episcopal families. Such services could be rendered without much inconvenience to their regular congregations, and would be eminently useful in promoting the best interests of the Church.

In contemplating the present and future prospects of the Church in this Diocese, whilst there is much to discourage us from the scattered condition of the population, and from the difficulty of obtaining and sustaining an adequate supply of Clergymen, yet in view of all things there is more ground for encouragement and hope than for despondency. If we be faithful as the Ministers of God's word, the Church must ultimately grow and prosper. The great difficulty with which we have to contend is the distrust that pervades the community as to the evangelical and spiritual character of the Church. This distrust presents a much greater barrier to the growth of the Church, than any objections to our ecclesiastical polity or to our liturgical worship. Under these circumstances we owe it to ourselves and to the cause in which we are engaged, to be clear and explicit in setting forth the evangelical doctrines of the Church as taught with so much distinctness and prominence in the Prayer Book and Homilies: and thus to certify to the world that we have no sympathy with those erroneous opinions and doctrines specified and repudiated in her Articles and standards. Whilst, therefore, we should adhere to our own principles and usages with uncompromising firmness, and should always perform the worship of the Church with the most scrupulous observance of the rubrics and canons, we should ever be most careful to set forth the great fundamental doctrines of the Gospel, viz: the corruption of human nature, justification by faith in the merits and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ, the need of a renovation of heart, of the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit, and of a dutiful obedience, manifested not only in the observance of ordinances, but in the keeping of commandments, and in the fruits of righteousness and holiness. On these essential doctrines let there be no vague nor uncertain sound. On these points let there be line upon line and precept upon precept. When once we begin to darken and mystify on these doctrines, we not only run counter to the plainest teachings of the Bible and Prayer Book, but we shall find in the end that our preaching will be nothing but as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. And here it gives me unfeigned pleasure to state that, as far as I know, the Gospel is faithfully preached in the Diocese, and that no other doctrine is heard from our pulpits but that of Christ and him crucified. I trust that this may ever be the case, and that there shall never be heard amongst us any other name whereby men are to be saved but that of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us continue to go onward in this way, let our preaching be full of Christ, let us demonstrate that our object is to win souls to Christ, and that we would have men, not only to possess a form of Godliness, but to show by the holiness of their lives that their hearts have been brought under the sanctifying influence of the Spirit of God's grace. If we persevere in this course, we may confidently hope that the blessing of Almighty God will rest upon our labors, and we may look forward with cheerful anticipations to the time when our beloved Zion will arise and shine, and when, instead of being spoken against, she will be the joy and the praise of all who know her.

N. H. COBBS,

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That such portions of the Bishop's Address as refers to the establishment of a Female Diocesan School, be referred to a special committee of six, with a request that they report to this Convention, and the Rev. Messrs. Hanson, Marbury and Murdaugh of the Clergy, and Dr. Allison, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Welsh of the Laity, were appointed said committee.



**E. WOLSEY PECK, ISAAC CROOM and GEORGE CLEVELAND, Jr.,** were then unanimously re-elected "the Trustees of the Bishop's fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama."

The following resolution was then offered, and by consent laid on the table until to-morrow, viz :

*Resolved*, That the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, be requested to ordain persons to the Diaconate, in accordance with the provisions of the sixth canon passed in the General Convention, in October, 1844.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That a suitable person be appointed by this Convention, whose duty it shall be to collect together and digest all the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Alabama, now in force; the Constitution, as amended, and all By-Laws which are now in force, together with the Act of Incorporation of the Trustees of the Bishop's fund, and the Constitution of the Missionary Society, and report to the next Convention.

Mr. E. G. Benners was appointed in pursuance of the said resolution.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the resolution passed in the last Convention "providing that the amounts paid in interest on notes, or subscriptions in money, given by individuals in any Parish for the support of the Episcopate, shall be deducted from the amount which said Parish is assessed by the Convention, provided said Parish may wish to avail itself of such contributions," be now repealed.

The following substitute for the fourth article of the Constitution of this Diocese, which was proposed at the last Convention, was adopted, viz :

The Convention shall be composed of all Ministers in ecclesiastical connection with the Diocese, who may at stated times officiate in any congregation therein, or who may be connected with any incorporated institution of learning therein, or who may have become disabled in the discharge of the duties of the Ministry, and of Lay Members, consisting of a delegation from each Parish.

The amendments to the seventh article of the Constitution, which were proposed at the last Convention and laid over for the concurrence of this Convention, were rejected.

Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

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SATURDAY, May 9—9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention met, and was opened with prayer by the Bishop. The roll was then called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates reported that they had examined the certificates of appointment from St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, and Union Parish, in Marengo and Perry counties, and that the said Parishes have appointed the following gentlemen, viz : Thomas M. Mathews and Ashley W. Spaight, from St.

Luke's, and James L. Price, Richard H. Adams, and David Minge, from Union Parish, to represent them in this Convention.

Their names were then called, and ASHLEY W. SPAIGHT, JAMES L. PRICE, and DAVID MINGE, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. William M. Garrow, from the Committee appointed at the last Convention to draft a suitable form for the organization of New Parishes, presented the following Report :

"The Committee appointed at the last Convention to 'draft a suitable form for the organization of New Parishes,' and to report to this Convention, have had the subject under consideration and report the annexed form as a suitable one to be adopted.

"N. H. COBBS, Chairman."

#### Form for the Organization of Parishes in the Diocese of Alabama.

*We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian Religion, and earnestly wishing to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name, and style, and title of the Parish of ——— Church, in the Town of ———, County of ———, and State of Alabama, and by so doing do adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.*

The report was adopted.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Missionary Committee, and the Rev. Messrs. A. S. SMITH and J. S. MAREBURY, and Messrs. E. W. PECK and M. J. CONLEY were elected; and THOMAS W. MCCOY was elected Treasurer.

Mr. Benners, from the Committee on Finance, made the following Report :

The Committee on Finance report that, upon an examination of the accounts of the late Treasurer, they find that at the assembling of the last Convention, a balance remained in hand from former assessments, which was paid over to him, of \$30 10

Of the assessments made upon the different Parishes, amounting to the sum of \$122, at the last Convention, he has collected only the sum of,..... 56 00

86 10

Out of which he had disbursed for Printing and other purposes, the sum of, 68 00

Leaving on hand a balance of,..... \$18 10  
Which we learn has been sent to the present Treasurer.

The Committee find that the late Treasurer expended the sum of three dollars in the purchase of a neat book, to be kept as an account book by the Treasurer, said sum is taken into the above account, and its allowance is recommended.

The Committee have assessed the different Parishes in the Diocese in the following manner:

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Christ Church, Mobile,.....          | \$25 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....      | 8 00    |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',..... | 4 00    |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....  | 8 00    |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....       | 4 00    |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlisle,.....    | 4 00    |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....     | 4 00    |

Amount carried forward,

\$57 00

|                                              |         |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Amount brought forward,                      | \$57 00 |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County,           | 4 00    |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,                   | 4 00    |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,          | 4 00    |
| Christ Church, Wetumpka,                     | 4 00    |
| Trinity Church, Lafayette,                   | 4 00    |
| St. John's Church, Tusculumbia,              | 4 00    |
| Trinity Church, Florence,                    | 4 00    |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,                  | 4 00    |
| Christ Church, Hayneville,                   | 4 00    |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,          | 4 00    |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,                  | 4 00    |
| Union Parish, in Marengo and Perry Counties, | 4 00    |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,                 | 4 00    |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,               | 4 00    |

\$118 00

And the Committee would urge upon the Parishes represented, the importance of paying over to the Treasurer, before the adjournment of the Convention, such sums as may be assessed.

Your Committee have examined the accounts in relation to the Bishop's salary, and find that of the sum of \$1750, which was assessed for the year ending at the meeting of last Convention, there was paid but the sum of \$1400, and as the Bishop's salary is \$1500, the Committee believe the sum of \$100 is yet due him on his salary for that year.

For the ensuing year the Committee have assessed the Parishes for the Bishop's salary as follows:

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Christ Church, Mobile,                      | \$500 00 |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,                  | 200 00   |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,              | 200 00   |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,              | 150 00   |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo County, | 100 00   |
| Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Counties,   | 100 00   |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,                   | 50 00    |
| St. John's Church, in the Prairies,         | 30 00    |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,              | 50 00    |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,         | 50 00    |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,         | 25 00    |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlisleville,           | 50 00    |
| Trinity Church, Lafayette,                  | 25 00    |
| St. John's Church, Tusculumbia, }           | 50 00    |
| Trinity Church, Florence, }                 |          |
| St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,                 | 25 00    |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County,          | 50 00    |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,                  | 25 00    |
| Christ Church, Hayneville,                  | 25 00    |
| St. John's, in the Wilderness,              | 25 00    |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,                 | 25 00    |
| Christ Church, Wetumpka,                    | 20 00    |
| St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,                | 50 00    |

\$1825 00

This Committee has not the means of ascertaining accurately at this time, the amount that has been collected on last year's assessments and paid over on the Bishop's salary, hence they have left the subject for the consideration of the committee to be appointed at the next Convention. They indulge the hope that hereafter, at the meeting of each Convention, the Finance Committee will be enabled to report up to the date of the sitting Convention.

Your Committee find that the sum of \$60 is requisite to meet the traveling expenses of the Bishop for the year just ended, and recommend that the same be paid out of any surplus that may remain of the Parish assessments, or in default of said surplus that action be had to provide for it otherwise. The Committee indulge the hope that the time is not distant when this Convention will be enabled to increase the salary of our Bishop. They believe this should be done as soon as the condition of the various Parishes will justify.

They recommend that the assessments on Parishes which remain unpaid, when

there is good reason to believe the same could not be raised, be remitted, particularly they recommend that the unpaid assessments of St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, be remitted. E. G. BENNERS, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

In compliance with the suggestion in the above report, the Treasurer received from the Delegates the following sums:

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',              | \$4 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlsville,               | 4 00   |
| St. Andrew's Church, Macon,                  | 4 00   |
| St. David's Church, Dallas County,           | 4 00   |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,                   | 4 00   |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,          | 4 00   |
| Union Parish, in Marengo and Perry Counties, | 4 00   |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,               | 4 00   |

The following Parishes still owe the assessments for the salary of the Bishop, for 1845:

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| St. James' Church, Livingston,      | \$50 00 |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, | 50 00   |
| Trinity Church, Lafayette,          | 25 00   |
| St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, }     | 50 00   |
| Trinity Church, Florence, ... }     |         |
| Christ Church, Hayneville,          | 25 00   |
| St. John's, in the Wilderness,      | 25 00   |
| St. James' Church, Eufaula,         | 25 00   |
| Christ Church, Wetumpka,            | 20 00   |

\$270 00

The Rev. Mr. Marbury, from the Committee on a Female Diocesan School, presented the following report:

"The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as related to the establishment of a Female Institute, to be under the control of the Protestant Episcopal Church, respectfully report that as the best means of securing so desirable an end, they recommend that a Board of Trustees, of which the Bishop shall be considered ex-officio President, be appointed by the Convention, to be hereafter annually elected, who shall be authorised to perform all duties which may belong to such a Board.

"They further recommend the following persons to constitute, for the ensuing year, the Board of Trustees, viz: E. W. Peck, H. A. Snow, C. M. Foster, E. F. Comegys, Charles Snow, Dr. Leach, A. Lynch. J. S. MARBURY, Chairman."

The report was adopted, and E. W. PECK, H. A. SNOW, C. M. FOSTER, E. F. COMEGYS, CHARLES SNOW, DR. LEACH, and A. LYNCH were elected Trustees.

The Rev. Mr. Knapp, from the Committee on the Bishop's fund, made the following report, which was adopted:

"The Committee on the Bishop's fund beg leave to report that, for the ensuing year, the Trustees be directed to request, by letter, the Senior Warden of each Parish to solicit subscriptions to said fund, and report to them, before the meeting of the next Convention, the result of their several efforts in behalf of said fund.

N. P. KNAPP, Chairman."

The Convention then took a recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the President.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention. The Rev. Mr. Baker and Mr. Sawyer were appointed tellers. The votes having been taken and counted, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected :

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Rev. N. P. KNAPP,      | E. W. PECK,        |
| Rev. WM. JOHNSON,      | M. J. CONLEY,      |
| Rev. F. R. HANSON, and | C. T. POLLARD, and |
| Rev. J. A. MASSEY,     | HENRY A. TAYLOR,   |
| Of the Clergy.         | Of the Laity.      |

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be instructed to add to the Bishop's Fund, the interest accruing thereon, until the said interest be otherwise appropriated.

The Rev. Mr. Knapp, from the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following report, which was accepted. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be required, at the meeting of each Convention, to furnish the Committee on the certificates of Lay Delegates, a list of all the Parishes which have paid their assessments up to that time.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, on the first Thursday in May, A. D. 1847.

The resolution in relation to the ordaining of Deacons under the sixth Canon of the General Convention, which was offered on yesterday and laid on the table until to-day, was adopted.

The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the inhabitants of Carlowville and its vicinity, for their generous hospitality extended to the members of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary cause 500 copies of this Journal to be printed as soon as practicable, and that he distribute the same among the several Parishes by mail or otherwise.

The Bishop then addressed the Convention in a few appropriate remarks and concluded with prayer.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

NICHOLAS H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

There was public worship and a Sermon on each night during the sitting of the Convention.

On Sunday Morning, May 10th, the Rev. Messrs. Massey and Murdaugh read the Service, the Rev. Mr. Johnson preached the Ordination Sermon, and the Bishop admitted the Rev. Mr. Linebaugh to Priests Orders. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Hanson.

There was Divine Service in the afternoon at 4 o'clock, and a Sermon by the Bishop. The Bishop then baptized one adult, and confirmed twenty-three persons.

At night, the Rev. Mr. Hanson preached the Missionary Sermon, after which a collection was taken up.

## APPENDIX A.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that although in consequence of the removal of some of the Clergy from the Diocese, and the failure of others to make Parochial reports, they have not been able to obtain a full view of the condition of the Church within its limits, yet from a collation of the Reports presented to the Convention, together with the Bishop's Address, they have derived much encouragement in regard to its stability and growth.

While they lament the loss of some who have labored among us faithfully, at a time when the demand for Ministers is very great, they are much cheered by the evidences of greater efforts and increased usefulness, on the part of those who are still employed in this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

From the imperfect tabular view of ministerial acts which has been submitted to us, we are enabled to present the following abstract, as evidence of the cheering growth of the Church.

|                                          |                         |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Baptisms—White (adults 24, infants 128), |                         |
| Colored (adults 18, infants 81),         | .....Total 251          |
| Confirmations,                           | .....136                |
| Communicants, (added 117),               | .....Present number 669 |

Some of the Reports have not specified the number of colored persons embraced in the list of communicants and confirmations, but from the particulars afforded in reference to that class, we learn that an increased attention has been paid to their spiritual wants, and that the testimony of the Church in this Diocese, agrees with that of the older Dioceses, in setting forth the admirable adaptation of our system of liturgical worship and catechetical instruction to their peculiar temperament and social condition. And here the Committee would recommend to the owners of plantations, the practice already adopted by some devoted Churchmen, of employing some portion of the time usually devoted by their slaves to labor, in their religious instruction, thereby convincing them of the sincerity and earnestness of their master's professed desire to promote their spiritual welfare.

Your Committee perceiving with the Bishop, the great demand for Ministerial services in many places, where a Minister either cannot be supported, or cannot be procured, most heartily concur with him, in recommending that the parochial Clergy should make visits in the regions lying about them, that they may at least occasionally remind the scattered ones without a Shepherd, of their privileges and obligations, and encourage them with the hope of seeing the Church established in their neighborhoods.

And they trust that every congregation will, as well from love for the Church, as from sympathy with their destitute brethren, be ready to spare their Pastor occasionally, that he may minister to those who might otherwise wander from the fold.

In conclusion they would congratulate the Diocese on the signs of God's fostering care and continued favor, which its present condition displays, praying for a grateful recognition of His favor by a warm devotion to His service.

All which is respectfully submitted.

N. P. KNAPP, Chairman.

## APPENDIX B.

## THE REV. ETHAN ALLEN,

In obedience to the first section of Canon 8th of the General Convention of 1841, reports to the Bishop as follows:—After the closing of the last Convention, I continued to officiate as Rector in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, till the first week in July. During which time, besides ordinary services, I baptized one infant, preached to a full and interesting congregation of colored people in the Church on a Sabbath afternoon, and once in Northport. I attended also at the request of the Bishop the examination of Mr. Peake, a candidate for Holy Orders, from the Diocese of Florida, and preached the ordination sermon. On my way north, at Bishop Otey's, in Columbia, Tenn., I attended the examination of Mr. Rogers, and preached, at the request of the Bishop, at his ordination. During my visit in Ohio, I have preached seven times in Dayton; three in Mount Vernon; three in Piqua; twice in Springfield; once in Chillicothe, and once in Cincinnati, and assisted several times in administering the Holy Communion. At the request of Bishop McIlvaine, I attended an examination of a candidate for Holy Orders in Cincinnati. In August last, constrained by various circumstances, over which I had no control, I resigned the charge of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. And here I desire to record my testimony to the kindness and affection with which I was uniformly treated while connected with that Parish. The impressions made upon my heart there will never, I trust, be effaced. In October, I came to reside for the present at this place, (Dayton, Ohio,) and since my stay here I have regularly assisted the Rector of the Parish in the performance of divine service, once or oftener every Sabbath, when not prevented by ill health or absence from the city. I am not without the hope of being able, sooner or later, to return to Alabama.

## TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. F. M. BAKER, Missionary.

|                                                  |        |      |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|------|
| Baptisms—White, 3 (infants).....                 | Total, | 3    |
| Confirmations, " 1.....                          | "      | 1    |
| Communicants, " 9—added 2.....                   | "      | 11   |
| Sunday School—Teachers, 5, Scholars.....         |        | 32   |
| Communion—Administered on one occasion.          |        |      |
| Collections—For Domestic Missionary Society..... | \$10   |      |
| For Bishop's Fund and Convention Expenses.....   | 29     |      |
| For other purposes.....                          | 3      |      |
|                                                  |        | \$42 |

Divine Service celebrated 14 times.

Your Missionary would respectfully report, that he entered upon his duties in this Parish in December last, and that services have been regularly held, with occasional assistance from neighboring Ministers. On various occasions services have been held for the benefit of the colored people in the neighborhood. He regrets that the state of his health has been such as greatly to restrict his labors; but there is reason to believe, that by persevering and prayerful effort, the Church in this Parish may yet be placed on a solid foundation.

## CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rt. Rev. N. H. COBB, Rector.

|                                                                                                |             |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----|
| Baptisms—Adults, 8; Infants, 8, (all white,).....                                              | Total,..... | 16 |
| Confirmations, (white,).....                                                                   |             | 19 |
| Marriages.....                                                                                 |             | 1  |
| Deaths—3 whites, 1 colored.....                                                                |             | 4  |
| Communicants—Added 14 whites, (3 from other cures,) died 2; removed 10;<br>present number..... |             | 46 |
| Communion administered on the first Sunday in each month, and on Christmas Day, &c.            |             |    |

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.

The Delegates from St. Peter's Church report, that the Church has been without a Minister during the last two years. Service has been held once by the Bishop, when there was one confirmation. The present number of communicants, four.

The Vestry are anxious to have the regular services of the Church. Though few, our congregation think that by uniting with another Parish, they could support a Minister.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON, MARENGO COUNTY.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo County, would report that Divine Service has been regularly performed in this Parish twice a month during the past year. The congregations have been generally good, respectful and attentive, and it is hoped the Church is gradually acquiring strength, influence and favor: and that an intelligent and sincere feeling of devotion is quietly extending and increasing. The congregation has sustained a severe loss in the death of the late A. B. Winn, Esq., who had long been identified with the Church in Alabama. We have also to deplore the loss by death of another communicant, whose early removal from among us will long be felt and lamented by those with whom she was united in the communion of the Church. Two have been added to the communion, making the present number the same as reported at the last Convention.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Communicants,.....                   | 19       |
| Baptisms—(1 adult, 6 children,)..... | Total, 7 |
| Funerals,.....                       | 3        |
| Confirmations,.....                  | 3        |

F. R. HANSON, Rector.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PRAIRIES, GREENE COUNTY.

This Parish appears to be in a more prosperous condition than when last reported. The congregations have increased, and more interest, I hope, is taken in the services of the Church.

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Baptisms,.....      | 4 |
| Confirmations,..... | 1 |
| Marriage,.....      | 1 |

F. R. HANSON, Rector.

## ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS CO.—Rev. WM. JOHNSON, Rector.

|                                                                      |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Baptisms—White, (adults, 1; infants, 2; colored, (infants, 63.)..... | Total, 71 |
| Confirmations—White,.....                                            | 4         |
| Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1.....                                  | Total, 2  |
| Deaths—White.....                                                    | 2         |
| Communicants—White, (added 2,) colored 4; present number,.....       | 13        |
| Communion—Number of times administered,.....                         | 13        |
| Offerings—At communion,.....                                         | \$10      |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....                      | 86        |

REMARKS—A small and unpretending Parish, regular in attendance on public worship and all the ordinances of the Church; observant of the Apostle's injunction in Rom. XVI: 17; more than faithful to all their engagements with their Minister.

My services have been at the Church every Sunday morning, and in the morning of all the principal holy days, twice a week during Lent, and on each day in Passion week. In addition to these regular services in the Church, I have service every Sunday afternoon for the slaves on a plantation five miles distant, in which much interest is manifested, and the congregation are learning the responses. The masters of these slaves set an example to all slaveholders, which I am unwilling should be confined to this immediate neighborhood. On Friday afternoon of every other week, the negroes are brought together in a comfortable house for worship and religious instruction. Night is not chosen, which should properly be devoted to rest from the labors of the day, but they are called from their work, so that the exercise is really a recreation, and they are in a state to be refreshed and benefitted, rather than to be filled with murmuring at being called away from inviting sleep. The two gentlemen who own these servants are invariably present to assist them in learning the responses. A part of the Friday exercise is instruction in wholesome Church doctrine, with





**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. BERKMAN LEE, Minister.**

|                                                                 |                 |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Baptisms—White (infants) 5; black (infants) 3,.....             | Total,          | 8     |
| Marriage—White 1,.....                                          | "               | 1     |
| Communicants—White (added 8, removed 3),.....                   | present number, | 27    |
| Colored,.....                                                   | "               | 3     |
| Sunday School—Teachers 6; Scholars (white 20, colored 13,)..... | "               | 33    |
| Library—Number of volumes,.....                                 | "               | 36    |
| Communion—Number of times administered,.....                    | "               | 8     |
| Collections—For General Missions,.....                          | \$              | 14 55 |
| For other objects,.....                                         | "               | 17 00 |
| Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....                 | "               | 53    |

**ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. JOHN H. LINEBAUGH, late Rector.**

|                                              |                 |    |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|----|
| Baptisms—White (adult 1, infants 6,).....    | Total,          | 7  |
| Confirmations,.....                          | "               | 9  |
| Communicants—White, added 7,.....            | present number, | 16 |
| Communion—Number of times administered,..... | "               | 4  |

Divine Service, until the first of December, celebrated on alternate Sundays at Eutaw and Burtou's Hill, embraced by the same parish: after that less often and less regularly, by reason of weather and the uncomfortable place at which we had to worship. The Minister's connection with this Parish closed on the 15th of March. He thinks there is nothing in its condition specially discouraging. He has had such a measure of success, as under the circumstances, he could reasonably expect. His usefulness, he thinks, was impaired by the remoteness of his residence from the field, and the want of a suitable place of worship. To a resident Minister, he thinks the difficulties would not be greater than those incident to the establishment of the Church in any new field.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. JOHN H. LINEBAUGH, Rector.**

The Rector of this Parish reports that he accepted a call to the Parish about the first of April, and entered upon its duties on the 16th. That the Parish Register being lost, he has no means of making other than a very general report. Number of Communicants, as far as he can gather, about 16. Number reported at last Convention 19—4 have removed, 1 has died—leaving 14; 2 have moved into the Parish, making 16. Number of scholars at Sunday school, about 18; teachers 5. Number of volumes in Library, 81. "The Ladies sewing society, of St. Paul's Church," have contributed \$125, the proceeds of a fair, to the payment of an execution against the Church, and \$56 75, in articles unsold, to the relief of Christ Church, Wetumpka. He would take occasion to say here, that much credit is due to the ladies of the congregation for their efforts to sustain the Church amidst her embarrassments. The Minister cannot see much in the present condition of the Parish to encourage. When the Church will be finished or her liabilities extinguished he cannot anticipate. He can but hope and pray that the time is not remote, when he shall see not only the one and the other, but shall see her also answering all the ends of her creation, in winning souls to Christ. Since his connection with the Parish, the Church has lost one of its most valuable and estimable members, in the death of Dr. W. S. Jeffries. He passed hence, on Wednesday, 29th ult., "in the confidence of a certain faith, and in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope."

**ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHAWBA.—Rev. JOHN H. LINEBAUGH, Minister.**

According to an arrangement between St. Paul's Church, Selma, and St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, the Minister of St. Paul's, Selma, will perform service on the first Sunday in each month at Cahawba. He performed service for the first time, under the arrangement, on last Sunday, (third Sunday after Easter,) morning and evening, to large and attentive congregations. He understands there are perhaps two communicants in the village, and many who decidedly prefer the Church.

**CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. SAMUEL S. LEWIS, Minister,**

Presents the following abstract, from the Parish Records, of official acts during the past year:

|                                                                                                                                                                               |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Marriages.....                                                                                                                                                                | 29        |
| Funerals—Parishoners 17; strangers 12.....                                                                                                                                    | Total, 29 |
| Persons confirmed.....                                                                                                                                                        | 21        |
| Baptisms—White (adults 6, infants 62); black (adults 2, infants 9).....                                                                                                       | Total, 70 |
| Communicants—Died 1; added 43; present number about.....                                                                                                                      | 245       |
| N. B. Owing to various causes, the exact number of removals cannot be ascertained; but, it is believed, that the whole number of Communicants is about the same as last year. |           |
| Sunday School—Teachers: Male 12; Female 12.....                                                                                                                               | Total, 24 |
| Scholars: Male 85; Female 95.....                                                                                                                                             | " 180     |
| Volumes in Sunday School Library.....                                                                                                                                         | 250       |
| Volumes in Parish Library, about.....                                                                                                                                         | 500       |

**Contributions and Collections—**

|                                                                        |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Collected on Communion Sundays, Alms for the poor.....                 | \$402 80        |
| " For Sunday School, Bibles, Prayer Books, &c.....                     | about... 150 00 |
| " After Sermon by Rev. Mr. Peterkin, Agent, for Domestic Missions..... | 385 60          |
| " On account of Diocesan Assessment.....                               | 174 15          |
| Contributed by Juvenile Missionary Society.....                        | 100 00          |
| " By four individuals for support of heathen children in China.....    | 100 00          |

**REMARKS.**—In presenting his annual Report to the Bishop, the Minister believes that he can safely say, with gratitude to God, that the Parish has been, as in years past, in a state of continued prosperity, not only in the increase of the congregation, but, he trusts, in the increase also, of true piety, and of corresponding efforts for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The services of the Church on Sundays and during the week, have been the same, and uniformly maintained, as reported last year. The Sunday School has never been so large and flourishing, throughout the entire year, as it has been during the last, and the progress of the scholars in their studies has been most gratifying. A new and well selected Library has been purchased, and the old one given away to a new school in the city. This unexampled prosperity of the school is mainly to be attributed to the judicious and unwearied labors of the Superintendent and the Sunday School Committee, assisted by a faithful and self-denying company of Teachers. The school for colored children has been, for the most part, kept up, but under great disadvantages, which, it is expected, will soon be removed, when a most prosperous school may be maintained. Two small Bible classes were held weekly through the Winter, with much benefit to those who attended, and small weekly religious meetings at the private houses of parishoners, with manifest advantage to many. The above presents a brief statement of the condition of the Church, and it gives the Minister great satisfaction, to believe, that upon his resigning the Parish, it was never in a better condition, both temporally and spiritually.

And, although the Minister's health, which has been in a declining state for several years, has declined more rapidly during the past year, and especially the last three months, yet, with the constant and faithful labors of his Assistant, the Rev. J. A. Massey, the services of the Church have been maintained without any interruption; and here, the Minister feels himself bound to bear the most cheerful testimony to the assiduous and devoted efforts of his brother and fellow-labourer in the Ministry, for the advancement of the best interests of the Church, and that it is, through his unremitting exertions, and the blessing of God attendant upon his preaching, that its prosperity has been preserved.

In consequence of his extreme prostration, and utter inability to discharge his parochial duties, the Minister believed that it was his duty to resign the Rectorship of the Church, as equally beneficial to himself, and for the future, permanent, welfare of the parish. Accordingly on the 25th ult., he offered his resignation, and expects, for the next few years, to devote his whole time, in the use of the best means for the restoration of his health, trusting that under God, he may be, in a great measure, recovered to his former health and future usefulness. The sympathising and affectionate manner in which his resignation was received by his congregation, and the spontaneous and substantial permanent support provided for his family, served greatly to alleviate the pain of separation, and drew forth from him the deepest feelings of gratitude, and will ever excite him to most earnest prayer for their continued prosperity and spiritual happiness. May the great Head of the Church "direct" the congregation "in all their" future "doings," and assist them "with his most gracious favor" and wisdom, in electing a successor, who will advance their true spiritual interests, and "conduct them towards the haven of eternal rest." **SAMUEL S. LEWIS.**

## REV. J. A. MASSEY,

Reports that since the last Convention he has been constantly engaged in assisting the Rector of Christ Church, Mobile. The minute account of the Parish given by the Rector, renders a distinct report from him unnecessary, as his acts are all embraced by the report of the Rector. His duties have been arduous, owing to the feeble health and temporary absence of the Rector; but he trusts they have been so discharged in some humble degree, to promote the glory of God and the highest welfare of those for whom he has labored.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. J. S. MARBURY, Rector,

Reports that he took charge of this parish the first of November last, since which time there have been—

Baptisms—Adult, colored, 1; Infants, white 7, colored 1,.....Total,  
Communicants—Added 2,.....  
Funerals,.....  
Sunday School—Teachers 5; Scholars,.....  
Communion Collections,.....about...\$100

The Rector has been frequently aided in the public services of the Church by Rev. R. G. Hays, his predecessor in the parish.

## REPORT of Rev. B. M. MILLER, Missionary, and officiating Minister of Free Episcopal Church, Mobile.

Baptisms—Infants, .....  
Marriages,.....  
Funerals,.....  
Confirmation, (in Christ Church),.....  
Communicants, .....about...

The Missionary entered upon his duties early in July last. The difficulty of securing an eligible location for holding Divine Service, and the frequency of removal from one point to another, tended, in some degree perhaps, to retard his progress. Still, through God's blessing, the Missionary is permitted to see, within one year only, a goodly number, stately in the Sanctuary, and of strangers not a few, gathering around the Altar of God, and affording comfortable hope of future success in this new enterprise.

The grateful acknowledgments of the Missionary are due to the Ladies of the Missionary Society, for the promptness and christian cheerfulness with which they have exercised their kind office of love, in this their effort to enlarge the borders of Zion. The Sunday School embraces about 8 Teachers and 20 Scholars. Contributions for Domestic Missionary Society and Communion Alms, about \$75.

## UNION PARISH, MARENGO AND PERRY COUNTIES.

Rev. EDMUND C. MURDAUGH, Minister.

Baptisms—White (adults 2, children 5; colored (adult 1),.....Total,  
Confirmations—White 4, colored 3,.....  
Marriages—White 7, colored 1,.....  
Deaths—White 2, colored 3,.....  
Communicants—White, added 7, (2 from other cures;) removed 2;  
present number,.....20;  
Colored—Added 3, present number 10; Total white and black,  
Communion—Number of times administered,.....  
Collections—Diocesan Missionary Society,.....\$54 75  
Bishop's Fund, \$100; Assessment, \$8,.....Total, \$162

Considerable interest is manifested by several ladies of the parish in the catechetical instruction of the negro children. Four of these ladies are engaged in this work using Bishop Ives' Catechism. One class, as may be seen from the Bishop's Report, is quite perfect.

## REPORT OF REV. A. S. SMITH, TUSKALOOSA.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir—In compliance with the 12th Canon, I herewith transmit to you a report of my proceedings as a Presbyter of this Diocese.

Having no official connection with any Church, I, of course, have nothing else to report than the amount of Clerical duty that I have performed since my transfer to this Diocese, from that of Virginia.

I reached this place on the 20th of October last. On the Sunday following, I preached in Northport, where I have since kept up regular weekly services on Sunday afternoons; preaching generally to congregations, highly respectable, both as it regards numbers, and the intelligence of the individuals who composed them. In addition to my duties in Northport, I have generally supplied your place in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, during your absences, preaching, always once, and sometimes twice on Sundays, and lecturing on Wednesday evenings. In all, I have preached 28 times in Tuscaloosa, and 18 times at Northport; baptized one infant; buried one adult, and administered the Communion on Christmas day, on Easter Sunday, and on the first Sunday of every month, when you have been absent.

A. S. SMITH.

## REV. D. BROWN,

Minister of Trinity Church, Florence, and Missionary at Tuscumbia,

As in duty bound, reports to the Bishop that during the past year he has officiated as often and as regularly as circumstances within his control would allow. The Holy Communion has been administered about 12 times, and there has been a small increase of Communicants, though we have had to mourn the loss of two by death, one by voluntary suspension, and two by removal. Including some few who attend but irregularly on account of distance, we count 20 Communicants at Florence and 10 at Tuscumbia: 8 more than last reported. There have been baptized 3 children, and several more are soon to be baptized. Funerals, 3; marriages, none. About \$300 has been expended on the finishing of the Church in Florence, and about \$25 raised for Missionary purposes. The assessment on Trinity Parish for the Bishop's salary will be ready at the visitation, and a portion, if not all of that on the Tuscumbia station.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MOBILE, May 1st, 1846.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Cobbs, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama:

My Dear Sir—The funds on hand, of the "Diocesan Missionary Society," are—  
Amount received of Bishop Cobbs, President, on January 27th, 1846,.....\$288 00  
Annual contribution of a Layman,..... 100 00

\$388 00

Please report this at Convention.

Very truly your friend and servant,

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

## STATE OF ACCOUNT OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, JUNE 6, 1846.

Amount on hand on May 1st, per report,.....\$388 00

May 13, 1846, Received of E. G. Benner, Esq., received at Convention, viz:

From Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Counties,.....\$54 75

From St. Andrew's Parish, Macon,..... 14 15

From St. David's Parish, Dallas County,..... 10 00

Collection at Carlisle,..... 26 40—105 30

June 6th, Received from Mr. Tayloe, from St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',... 40 00

\$533 30

May 29th—Paid Rev. Mr. Peake, by order of Bishop Cobbs,..... 100 00

\$433 30

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

# ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| NAMES OF PARISHES.                       | BAPTISMS.                 |           |         |           |         | COMMUNICANTS. |            |          |         |        | S. SCHOOLS.       |          | Paid to Bishop's Assessment. | Other Contributions. | PRESENT MINISTERS. |               |           |                             |                        |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------------|------------|----------|---------|--------|-------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
|                                          | When admitted into union. | White.    |         | Color'd.  |         | Whole No.     | Confirmed. | Married. | Buried. | Added. | Died and Removed. | Colored. |                              |                      |                    | Whole Number. | Teachers. | White Scholars.             | Colored Scholars.      |
|                                          |                           | Children. | Adults. | Children. | Adults. |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    |               |           |                             |                        |
| Christ Church, Mobile,.....              | 1830                      | 62        | 6       | 9         | 2       | 79            | 21         | 28       | 29      | 45     | 1                 | 245      | 24                           | 180                  | \$500              | \$1138        | 40        | Rev. J. A. Massey.          |                        |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....          | 1830                      | 8         | 8       |           |         | 16            | 19         | 1        | 4       | 14     | 12                | 46       | 5                            | 35                   | 200                | 100           |           | Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D. |                        |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....     | 1830                      | 7         | 1       | 1         | 9       | 9             | 1          | 1        | 2       |        |                   | 32       | 5                            | 32                   | 150                | 13            |           | Rev. J. S. Marbury.         |                        |
| Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....          | 1835                      | 3         |         |           | 3       | 1             |            |          |         | 2      |                   | 11       | 5                            | 32                   | 25                 |               |           | Rev. F. M. Baker.           |                        |
| St. John's Church, in the Prairies,..... | 1835                      |           |         |           | 4       |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      | 30                 | 84            | 90        | Rev. F. R. Hanson.          |                        |
| St. James' Church, Livingston,.....      | 1836                      |           |         |           |         |               |            |          |         |        |                   | 30       | 4                            | 15                   |                    |               |           | Vacant.                     |                        |
| St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....      | 1837                      | 13        | 9       | 3         | 25      | 36            | 5          | 7        | 27      | 10     | 2                 | 53       | 7                            | 30                   | 40                 | 150           |           | Rev. N. P. Knapp.           |                        |
| Christ Church, Wetumpka,.....            | 1837                      |           |         |           |         |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    |               |           | Vacant.                     |                        |
| St. Michael's Church, Marion,.....       | 1838                      |           |         |           |         | 1             |            |          |         |        |                   | 4        |                              |                      |                    | 50            |           | Rev. J. S. Marbury.         |                        |
| St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Co.,.....    | 1838                      |           |         |           |         |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    |               |           | Vacant.                     |                        |
| Christ Church, Hayneville,.....          | 1838                      |           |         |           |         |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    |               |           | Do.                         |                        |
| St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....           | 1838                      |           |         |           |         |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    | 50            | 181       | 75                          | Rev. J. H. Linebaugh.  |
| St. Lake's Church, Cahawba,.....         | 1839                      |           |         |           |         |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    | 50            |           | Do.                         |                        |
| Trinity Church, Lafayette,.....          | 1839                      |           |         |           |         |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    |               |           | Vacant.                     |                        |
| St. Paul's Church, Carlisle,.....        | 1839                      | 5         | 3       | 8         | 8       | 1             |            |          | 8       |        | 3                 | 30       | 6                            | 20                   | 13                 | 50            | 31        | 55                          | Rev. F. B. Lee.        |
| St. John's Church, Tusculum,.....        | 1840                      | 3         |         | 3         | 3       |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    |               |           |                             | Rev. D. Brown.         |
| Trinity Church, Florence,.....           | 1840                      | 3         |         |           |         |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    | 47            | 50        | 25                          | Do.                    |
| Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,..... | 1843                      | 2         | 1       | 68        | 71      | 4             | 2          | 2        | 4       | 2      | 4                 | 12       |                              |                      |                    | 50            | 10        |                             | Rev. F. H. L. Laird.   |
| St. David's Church, Dallas Co.,.....     | 1844                      | 6         | 1       |           | 7       | 3             |            |          | 2       |        | 19                |          |                              |                      |                    | 100           | 14        | 15                          | Rev. Wm. Johnson.      |
| St. Andrew's Church, Marengo Co.,.....   | 1844                      | 5         | 2       |           | 1       | 8             | 7          | 8        | 7       | 2      | 10                | 30       |                              |                      |                    | 100           | 62        | 75                          | Rev. F. R. Hanson.     |
| Union Parish, Marengo and Perry,.....    | 1845                      |           |         |           |         |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    |               |           |                             | Rev. E. C. Murdaugh.   |
| St. James' Church, Enola,.....           | 1845                      |           |         |           |         |               |            |          |         |        |                   |          |                              |                      |                    |               |           |                             | Vacant.                |
| St. John's, in the Wilderness,.....      |                           | 6         | 1       |           | 7       | 9             |            |          | 7       |        | 26                |          |                              |                      |                    |               |           |                             | Do.                    |
| St. Stephen's Church, Futaw,.....        | 1846                      | 7         |         |           | 7       | 1             | 3          | 5        |         |        |                   | 30       |                              |                      |                    |               |           |                             | Rev. Charles F. Peake. |
| By Rev. B. M. Miller,.....               |                           | 127       | 28      | 84        | 4       | 247           | 102        | 50       | 56      | 128    | 36                | 45       | 636                          | 56                   | 340                | 53            | \$1552    | \$1661                      | 50                     |

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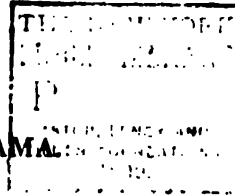
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### In Attendance:

- RIGHT REV. N. H. COBBS, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese, Tuscaloosa.  
 Rev. F. M. BAKER, Minister of Trinity Church, Demopolis.  
 " F. R. HANSON, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Macon.  
 " N. P. KNAPP, Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.  
 " FRANCIS PRIOLEAN LEE, Rector of Christ Church, Mobile.  
 " F. B. LEE, Minister of St. Paul's, Carlowville.  
 " J. H. LINEBAUGH, Rector of St. Paul's, Selma.  
 " J. S. MARBURY, Rector of St. Paul's, Greensboro'.  
 " J. A. MASSEY, Minister of St. James' Church Livingston.  
 " B. M. MILLER, Minister of Trinity Church, Mobile.  
 " E. C. MURDAUGH, Rector of Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Counties.  
 " A. S. SMITH, Assistant Minister, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.  
 " W. I. ZIMMER, Deacon, officiating in Lowndes County.

### Not in Attendance:

- Rev. E. ALLEN, residing in Dayton, Ohio.  
 " D. BROWN, late Missionary in Florence.  
 " THOS. A. COOK, Teaching in Talladega.  
 " R. G. HAYS, Deacon, Teaching in Greensboro'.  
 " C. S. IVES, Minister at Matagorda, Texas.  
 " S. S. LEWIS, D.D. residing at Claremont, N. H.

### LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Christ Church, Mobile,         | EDWARD HALL,<br>*W. M. GARROW,<br>T. D. STUART,<br>E. G. BENNERS,<br>THOMAS LESESNE.                  |
| Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,     | *H. A. SNOW,<br>E. W. PECK,<br>*E. F. COMEGYS,<br>*J. R. DRISH, M.D.<br>*C. R. HARRISON.              |
| St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, | ISAAC CROOM,<br>*TURNER WILSON, M.D.<br>*A. BARNUM, M.D.<br>*F. G. STICKNEY,<br>*CHARLES L. STICKNEY. |

Trinity Church, Demopolis, . . .	H. W. REESE, M.D. C. H. PRINCE, *J. B. LEWIS.
St. John's Church, in the Prairies, St. James' Church, Livingston, . . .	*L. H. ANDERSON, M.D. H. B. THORNTON, W. H. GREEN, R. H. SMITH, S. U. SMITH.
St. John's Church, Montgomery, . . .	*M. J. CONLEY, C. T. POLLARD, T. B. TAYLOR, THOMAS WELSH, *T. A. MORRIS.
Christ Church, Wetumpka, . . .	_____
St. Michael's Church, Marion, . . .	_____
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,	*PAUL LEE, M.D., *J. M. MITCHELL.
Christ Church, Hayneville, . . .	_____
St. Paul's Church, Selma, . . .	*J. R. PURNELL, M.D. A. G. MABRY, M.D. B. R. HOGAN, M.D. J. M. STRONG, W. WADDELL.
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, . . .	_____
Trinity Church, Lafayette, . . .	_____
St. Paul's Church Carlowville, . . .	*H. L. ALISON, M.D. *J. SIMPSON.
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, . . .	_____
Trinity Church, Florence, . . .	_____
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	G. P. BEIRNE, R. B. NORVEL, *J. WITHERS CLAY.
St. David's Church, Dallas County,	*E. P. ELLERBEE, *N. B. PEGUES.
St. Andrew's Church Macon, . . .	M. M. FLETCHER, *H. A. TAYLOE, H. A. DUVAL, HENRY DUGGER, E. F. MONTAGUE.
Union Parish, Marengo & Perry Co's.	*DAVID MINGE, T. A. HARRISON, M. D. HENRY KEY, T. D. PITTS, J. M. LANGHORNE, M. D.
St. James' Church, Eufaula, . . .	_____
St. John's Church, in the Wilderness, St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, . . .	*W. F. PIERCE, J. G. FRIEND, *P. L. LIGHTFOOT, M.D.
Trinity Church Mobile, . . .	CHARLES C. HAZARD. *WM. CLAGETT MILLER.
Trinity Church, Pleasant Hill, . . .	_____
St. Mark's Church, Greene County,	_____

Delegates marked thus (\*) were present.



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TUSCALOOSA, May 6th, 1847.

The Sixteenth Annual Convention, assembled in Christ Church, this Morning, at half past 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Right Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese, took the chair, and read the appropriate prayers.

In accordance with the 9th Canon of this Diocese, the Bishop laid on the table the following list of Clergymen, canonically resident in the Diocese.

**LIST OF THE CLERGY**

Belonging to the Diocese of Alabama, May 6th 1847 : N. H. COBBS, Bishop of the P. E. C. in Alabama.

Rev. E. ALLEN, residing in Dayton, Ohio.

“ F. M. BAKER, Demopolis.

“ D. BROWN, late Missionary at Florence.

“ T. A. COOK, Teaching in Talladega.

“ F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Parish, Marengo.

“ R. G. HAYS, Deacon, teaching in Greensboro.

“ C. S. IVES, Minister in Matagorda, Texas.

“ N. P. KNAPP, St. John's Church, Montgomery.

“ F. P. LEE, Christ Church, Mobile.

“ F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

“ S. S. LEWIS, D. D., residing in Claremont, N. H.

“ J. H. LINEBAUGH, St. Paul's Church, Selma.

“ J. S. MARBURY, St. Paul's Church, Greensborough.

“ J. A. MASSEY, St. James' Church, Livingston.

“ B. M. MILLER, Trinity Church, Mobile.

“ E. C. MURDAUGH, Union Parish, Perry.

“ A. S. SMITH, Ass't. Minister, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

“ WM. I. ZIMMER, Deacon, officiating in Lowndes.

The roll of the Clergy was then called, and the following gentlemen answered to their names :

Rev. F. M. BAKER,

Rev. J. A. MASSEY,

“ F. R. HANSON,

“ B. M. MILLER,

“ F. B. LEE,

“ E. C. MURDAUGH,

“ J. H. LINEBAUGH,

“ A. S. SMITH,

“ J. S. MARBURY,

“ WM. I. ZIMMER.

The Rev. Messrs. HANSON, LINEBAUGH and MASSEY, were appointed a Committee to examine the Certificates of appointment of the Lay Delegates.

The Delegates then present, handed in their testimonials of appointment.

After examination, the Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, made the following Report:

The Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates, have examined the same, and report that the following named Parishes have duly appointed the persons, herein named, their Delegates to represent them in the present Convention.

**F. R. HANSON, Chairman.**

St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	J. R. PURNELL, M.D. A. J. MABRY, M.D. B. R. HOGAN, M.D. J. M. STRONG, W. WADDEL,
St. David's Church, Dallas County.....	E. P. ELLERBEE, N. B. PEGUES,
St. James' Church, Livingston,.....	L. H. ANDERSON, M.D. H. B. THORNTON, W. H. GREEN, R. H. SMITH, S. U. SMITH,
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	ISAAC CROOM, TURNER WILSON, M.D. A. BARNUM, M.D. F. G. STICKNEY, CHARLES L. STICKNEY.
Union Parish, Marengo Counties,.....	DAVID MINGE, T. A. HARRISON, M.D. HENRY KEY, T. D. PITT, J. M. LANGHORNE, M. D.
St. Peter's, Lowndes County,.....	PAUL LEE, M.D. J. M. MITCHELL.
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....	M. M. FLETCHER, H. A. TAYLOR, H. A. DUVAL, HENRY DUGGER, E. F. MONTAGUE.
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	H. A. SNOW, E. W. PECK, E. F. COMEGYS, J. R. DRISH, M.D. C. R. HARRISON.
Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....	H. W. REESE, M.D. C. H. PRINCE, J. B. LEWIS.
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,.....	W. F. PIERCE, J. G. FRIEND, P. L. LIGHTFOOT, M.D.
St. Paul's Church, Carlisle,.....	H. L. ALISON, M.D. JOHN SIMPSON.

On motion, the report was accepted.

The names of the delegates being called, the following answered thereto:

J. R. PURNELL,	PAUL LEE,
E. P. ELLERBEE,	J. M. MITCHELL,
N. B. PEGUES,	H. A. SNOW,
L. H. ANDERSON,	E. F. COMEGYS,
TURNER WILSON,	C. R. HARRISON.
F. G. STICKNEY,	H. A. TAYLOR,
CHARLES L. STICKNEY.	P. L. LIGHTFOOT,
DAVID MINGE,	H. L. ALLISON,

JOHN SIMPSON.

H. A. TAYLOR was re-elected Secretary, balloting being dispensed with.

The President then declared the Convention duly organized.

The hour for Divine Service having arrived, the Convention took a recess. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. F. B. LEE, and the Lessons by the Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Right Rev. N. H. COBBS, D.D., from the words—"Study to show thyself approved unto God,"—2d Tim. 2d Chap. and 15th verse.

Immediately after Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the President.

Permission being asked, leave was granted to the Secretary to appoint an Assistant—J. M. MITCHELL was appointed.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted. The Rules of Order were then read by the Secretary.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Candidates for Holy Orders present, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Trinity Church, Demopolis, be released from the Parish Assessments of 1844 and '45. J. B. Lewis, Esq., then took his seat as Delegate from that Parish.

The Rev. B. M. MILLER, presented the Application of Trinity Church, Mobile, for admission into union, which was laid upon the table.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to furnish a copy of his Convention Sermon for publication.

On motion, the Credentials of the Lay Delegates from the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, were referred to the Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates.

The Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the Credentials of the Delegates of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, correct, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats :

*Church of the Nativity, Huntsville*—G. P. Beirne, R. B. Norvel, J. Withers Clay.

Report Accepted. Their names were then called—J. WITHERS CLAY responded, and took his seat.

The following Committee was then appointed by the President :

*Committee on the Admission of New Parishes*—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. J. S. Marbury, Dr. H. L. Alison.

On motion, the Application of Trinity Church, Mobile, was referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, May 6th, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met at 4 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes reported, recommending the Admission of Trinity Church, Mobile, into union with the Diocese.

On motion, the Report was concurred in.

The Testimonials of the appointment of Lay Delegates from Trinity Church, Mobile, were then referred to the Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates.

Articles of Association were presented from Trinity Church, Pleasant Hill, Dallas Co., and St. Mark's Church, Greene Co., which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on the admission of New Parishes.

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates reported, that Trinity Church, Mobile, had appointed the persons herein named, to represent said Church in the present Convention :

*Trinity Church, Mobile*—Cha's. C. Hazard, Wm. Clagett Miller.

On motion, the Report was accepted.—Their names were then called, and Wm. C. Miller appeared and took his seat.

The following Committees were appointed by the President, in accordance with the third Rule of Order :

*Committee on the state of the Church*—Rev. B. M. Miller, Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rev. J. M. Massey, Rev. A. S. Smith, Rev. J. H. Linebaugh, Rev. E. C. Murdaugh, Rev. F. P. Lee, Rev. J. S. Marbury.

*Committee on Unfinished Business*—Rev. F. M. Baker, Rev. W. I. Zimmer, Mr. C. R. Harrison.

*Committee on Finance*.—Dr. H. L. Alison, Wm. M. Garrow, Dr. Turner Wilson, H. A. Snow, Dr. J. R. Purnell, J. W. Clay, David Minge, Dr. L. H. Anderson, M. J. Conley, Wm. F. Pierce, Dr. P. L. Lightfoot.

The Committee on the admission of New Parishes, reported that the articles of Association of Trinity Church, Pleasant Hill, Dallas Co., and St. Mark's Church, Greene Co., were in proper form, and recommend that said Churches be admitted into union with the Diocese.

On motion, the Report was adopted.

Testimonials of appointment of Lay Delegates from Christ Church, Mobile, were presented, and referred to the Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates.

The following resolution was presented, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance :

*Resolved*, That the unpaid assessments of St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, be remitted.

The Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported that the Testimonials of appointment of Lay Delegates from Christ Church, Mobile, were correct, and the following persons are entitled to seats in this Convention :

*Christ Church Mobile*—Edward Hall, Wm. M. Garrow, T. D. Stewart, E. G. Benners, Thomas Lesesne.

On motion, the Report was adopted.

Their names were then called, and Wm. M. GARROW appeared and took his seat.

The following resolution was proposed :

*Resolved*, That whatever balance may remain of the Bishop's assessments, after paying the Bishop's salary, travelling expenses, and postage, shall be paid over to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund,

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On, motion, it was *Resolved*, That no person, who is a candidate for orders, shall be admitted to a seat in the Convention, as a Lay Delegate from any Parish or Church.

On motion, the reading of the Bishop's Report was deferred until to-morrow morning, immediately after service.

The Convention adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow.

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#### FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After Prayers by the President, the roll was called, and the Minutes were read and approved.

The Rev. N. P. KNAPP, of St. John's Church, Montgomery, and the Rev. F. P. LEE, of Christ Church, Mobile, appeared and took their seats.

The Certificate of Lay Delegates from St. John's Church, Montgomery, was presented, and referred to the appropriate Committee.

The Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following persons entitled to seats, in this Convention from St. John's Church, Montgomery—Messrs. M. J. Conley, C. T. Pollard, Tho's. B. Taylor, Thomas Welsh and T. A. Morris.

The report was accepted, and their names were then called—M. J. Conley and T. A. Morris, responded thereto.

The following Report was made by the Standing Committee, and accepted :

The Standing Committee beg leave to present the following, as their Report for the year now terminating :

At a meeting held in Carlowville, May the 9th, 1846, the Committee was organized by the election of Rev. Mr. Knapp, President, and Rev. Mr. Massey, Secretary.

At the same time and place, Rev. Mr. Linebaugh was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders; and Mr. Geo. F. Cushman to be admitted a candidate for Orders.

At a meeting in Mobile, on the 20th August, 1846, Rev. C. F. Peake, was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders.

Sept. 14th, 1846—Rev. F. M. Baker was recommended to the Bishop to be ordained Priest.

Oct. 19th, 1846—Mr. W. I. Zimmer was recommended to be ordained Deacon.

Dec. 22d, 1846—Rev. E. C. Murdaugh was recommended for Priest's Orders.

March 8th, 1847—Mr. Thomas Bragg was recommended to be received as a Candidate for Orders.

An abstract from the Minutes.

J. A. MASSEY, *Secretary*.

At a meeting of the same Committee, held in Tuscaloosa, on the 7th of May, Messrs. H. L. E. Pratt and Robert Addison Cobbs, were recommended to the Bishop to be ordained Deacons; and Mr. John M. Mitchell was recommended to be admitted a Candidate for Holy Orders.

Mr. Garrow presented the report of E. G. BENNERS, Esq., containing a copy of the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, together with the Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund; also a Form for the organization of Parishes—Form of Parochial Reports—Constitution of the Diocesan Missionary Society—Rules of Order—and Resolutions having a permanent character.

On motion, it was accepted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed, to whom shall be referred the Digest of Canons, &c. drawn up by E. G. Benners, Esq., for the purpose of considering the same, and of reporting to the next Convention, such Amendments and new Canons, as they shall deem necessary.

The Parochial Reports were then read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That the proceedings of the last meeting of the General Convention, be referred to a select Committee of three, with instructions to report during the session of this Convention, such items as may be important for its action previous to adjournment.

Rev. Messrs. F. B. LEE, and J. A. MASSEY and C. R. HARRISON, Esq., were appointed a committee to whom it was referred.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the Convention Sermon, preached by the Right Rev. Bishop COBBS, be printed.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following Report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business, respectfully report, that they have examined the Journal of last year, and find no matters claiming the attention of the Convention.

F. M. BAKER, *Chairman*.

Which was accepted.

The Convention then took a recess for Divine Service. Immediately after Service, the Convention was called to order.

The Right Rev. Bishop Cobbs, then read his Annual Report, as follows :

In conformity with the requirements of one of our canons, I respectfully present the following account of my services in the Diocese, during the past year.

At the close of our last Convention, which was held in Carlowville,—and in which I am gratified to add a most delightful spirit prevailed,—I admitted to the Order of Priesthood, the Rev. J. H. Linebaugh. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Hanson, and the sermon on the occasion was preached by the Rev. Mr. Johnson. In the afternoon of the same day, nine persons were confirmed. A good impression was evidently made by the exercises of the Convention. And here I cannot forbear to express my sense of obligation to the citizens of the pleasant village of Carlowville, for the kind, liberal and attentive hospitality extended to the members of the Convention.

May 11—Visited Cahawba, and attended service in the court house ; the sermon being preached by the Rev. Mr. Marbury. I trust, that at no distant period, we shall have a Church established here, and the service of the Church performed every Sunday. At present the Rev. Mr. Linebaugh officiates in this town once a month, and preaches to a good congregation. When, however, there is preaching but once a month, nothing more can reasonably be expected than the holding together of those who are already churchmen.

May 12—Visited Marion, and preached. As yet we have no minister, nor any regular services in this interesting town. Had I a suitable minister to present the claims of the Church to the intelligent population of this town, I cannot doubt but that good would be the result. I shall be greatly disappointed if a clergyman be not established there in the course of the next fall.

May 14 and 15—Spent two or three days in Greensboro'. Preached on several occasions, and confirmed nine persons.

May 24—Preached in the morning in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and in the afternoon at Northport. And here I would make the general remark, that when not visiting other Parishes, I was uniformly officiating in Tuscaloosa.

May 30 and 31—Visited Huntsville, preached on several occasions, and confirmed two persons. In this beautiful town there is now building a neat and commodious Church, which I expect to consecrate during my next visit to the Parish. Although the Church at Huntsville has long struggled with difficulties, I yet entertain no doubt but that a strong and flourishing congregation will be established there. The Rev. Mr. Laird, after having faithfully labored in this station, has been transferred to the Diocese of Indiana. His place will be supplied by the Rev. H. C. Lay, who expects to enter on his new field of labor about the last of the present month. An active, zealous Minister, located in Huntsville, might prepare the way for several new congregations in the circumjacent country.

June 6 and 7—Spent several days in Florence and Tuscumbia, preached a number of times, and confirmed one person. I regret to say that the faithful and excellent Missionary, the Rev. D. Brown, who for more than two years has officiated in these towns, has felt himself constrained by domestic considerations to remove into another field. I expect to have two Ministers located at these stations by the fall. Hardly any portion of the Diocese presents a more favorable prospect for the establishment of the Church than this part of the Tennessee valley. If some of our zealous young ministers could but cast their eyes on this lonely tract of country, they would need no persuasion to enter upon it, and to erect the standard of the Church.

June 10 and 11—Returned to Huntsville, preached several times, and confirmed three persons.

July 4 and 5—Visited Livingston, preached three times, baptized three infants, and confirmed one person. Since my visit the Rev. Mr. Massey has been called to this station, and entered upon the duties of his office in the beginning of last winter. Besides officiating in Livingston, he gives one fourth of his time to Sumpterville. I have heard very gratifying accounts of his prospects of usefulness; and hope that, at the end of the present year, Livingston will cease to be a missionary station. At this time we ought to have two ministers on the west of the Tombecbee River.

August 14—Officiated at the funeral of Hobart Cobbs, infant son of the Rev. J. H. Linebaugh.

Sept. 26 and 27.—Visited Eutaw, preached and admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. C. F. Peake and F. M. Baker. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Mr. Hanson, and the Ordination Sermon was preached by the Rev. A. S. Smith. The Rev. Mr. Peake has since been constrained to remove to Pensacola, to take charge of the late Parish of his diseased Brother. It was a source of unfeigned regret to loose his valuable services from this Diocese. The Rev. Jonathan B. T. Smith is expected to settle in Eutaw, and to give his whole time to that town, and I trust will be instrumental in permanently establishing the Church there. I am happy to learn that nearly two thousand dollars have been subscribed for the erection of a House of Worship. The neighbourhood of the Fork is now supplied by the services of the Rev. Mr. Baker of Demopolis.

Oct. 18—Preached in St. Peter's Lowndes, and confirmed two persons. This Parish, after a long vacancy, has since my visit been filled by the Rev. Mr. Zimmer, who has been kindly received by the people, and been much encouraged in his labors.

Oct. 19—Preached to an attentive congregation in Hayneville. To this town Mr. Zimmer now devotes a part of his time.

Oct. 21—Passed through Montgomery on my way to the eastern part of the Diocese; preached and confirmed two persons.

Oct. 24 and 25—Preached twice in the town of Eufaula. Since my visit to this place the Rev. Mr. Ellis has been sent as a Missionary, and divides his time between Eufaula and St. John's in the Wilderness. All that is needed to build up the Church in this part of the State, is a permanent and faithful Minister. As Mr. Ellis contemplates only a temporary residence in his present location, he has not been canonically transferred to this Diocese.

Oct. 26—Preached in Glenville, and administered the Communion to a sick member of the Church in his chamber.

Oct. 27—Preached in the Parish of St. John's in the Wilderness, and at night confirmed three of the servants of Maj. Fishburne, after delivering a lecture on Confirmation.

Oct. 31—Visited Mr. George Croft, an old and estimable member of the Church, residing in Chambers County, and baptized eight children, thus affording to the parents—what they had long desired—an opportunity of giving to their children Episcopel Baptism.

Nov. 1—Visited La Fayette, Chambers County; preached twice, confirmed two persons, and baptized one infant. In this populous portion of the Diocese there is presented an inviting field for Missionary labor. I shall use my utmost endeavors to have a Minister located there, in the course of the present year.

Nov. 3 and 4—Preached twice in Montgomery and confirmed three persons.

Nov. 14 and 15—After spending a Sunday in Tuscaloosa, I started on another tour through some of the middle counties. I visited Woodville and St. Michael's; preached several times, confirmed two persons, and admitted Wm. I. Zimmer to the Order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Hanson, and the Sermon was preached by myself. In this Parish a contract has been made for the erection of a House of Worship, to be located in the village of Woodville; and I trust that another Church will be commenced during the present year to be situated near St. Michael's. In this interesting Parish there is manifested on the part of the Ladies an increasing interest in the catechetical instruction of their servants. It is truly delightful to the heart of a christian to be present at the examination of one of these classes of colored children, to hear their prompt answers and their delightful singing, and to witness the peculiar adaption of the services of the Church to the capacities and wants of the colored race.

Nov. 17 and 18—Consecrated the Church of St. David's, in Dallas County, and preached on two successive days. This small but interesting Parish is now vacant, in consequence of the removal of the Rev. Wm. Johnson to Georgia. As Mr. Johnson was one of the first Ministers who had settled in Alabama, it was with unaffected pain that I parted from him. I trust to have his place supplied by the ensuing fall, if not before.

Nov. 21 and 22—Preached in St. Andrew's, Prairieville, twice; catechized the children in the face of the congregation, and confirmed two persons. And here I would express the opinion, that hardly any service of a Bishop during his visit



of a Parish, can be more useful than his catechistical examination of the children in the presence of the congregation. An excellent opportunity is thus furnished to instruct not only the children but the parents in the doctrines of the gospel as held and taught by the Church.

Nov. 28 and 29—Visited Demopolis, preached three times, catechised the children in the presence of an interested congregation, and confirmed five persons, one of whom belonged to the Parish of St. Andrew's. The once gloomy prospects of this Parish, are manifestly brightening, and there is reason to hope, that soon, measures will be adopted for the erection of a House of Worship.

Dec. 5 and 6.—Visited the Fork of Greene, preached twice at Burton's Hill, and confirmed three persons. To this interesting field of labor, the Rev. Mr. Baker, has devoted one half of his time since the removal of Mr. Peake, and, in time, I expect to see a strong congregation established there.

Jan. 16 and 17, 1847—Preached in Greensboro' four times, confirmed three persons, and catechised the children in the presence of the congregation. At the same time and place, I admitted to the Order of the Priesthood, the Rev. Edmund C. Murdaugh. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Marbury, and the Sermon preached by myself.

Feb. 28—Held a Confirmation in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, after a Sermon on the nature of that Apostolic Rite, and confirmed four persons.

Sunday, March 7—Visited Mobile, and preached in Christ Church. It was my intention to spend this day in Livingston, but at the request of the Rector of the Parish, I postponed my visit to some later period.

March 14—I still continued my visit to Mobile, and after preaching on several occasions, confirmed five persons in Trinity Church. This Church is a new Parish which the Rev. Mr. Miller is endeavoring to establish, and which is obviously needed in a city, embracing so large a population as Mobile. From all that I saw, I had no doubt of the success of the experiment, and I look forward with confidence to the establishment of a large and flourishing congregation.

March 21—Preached several times in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed twenty-six persons, one of whom belonged to Trinity Church. I was happy to find this large and influential Parish in a very healthy and flourishing condition, evidently strengthening under the faithful and acceptable ministrations of its new Rector. Since leaving Mobile, I have heard with much satisfaction, that the constitution of the Parish, which was justly liable to some objections, has been altered, so as to be in accordance with the genius and the Canons of the Church.

April 8—After spending Passion week in Tuscaloosa, I set out to visit some of the Parishes on the Alabama River, and preached at Woodville, on my way thither.

Sunday, April 11—Visited Carlowville, preached twice, and confirmed six persons. This Parish continues steadily to grow and improve.

Saturday and Sunday, 17 and 18 April—Visited Montgomery, and preached four times. I was pleased to find a neat and convenient Rectory, provided by the liberality of the congregation. I trust in time, to see all our Parishes similarly furnished, as being one of the effectual means of sustaining and building up a congregation. As I had administered Confirmation in this Parish in the latter part of Autumn, there were no Candidates presented to receive that Rite.

April 20—Preached in Hayneville, and confirmed one person.

April 21—Visited Lowndesborough, preached, and confirmed five persons.

April 22—Preached in St. Peter's, Lowndes, and confirmed four persons. At these three places last mentioned, the Rev. Mr. Zimmer officiates, and has great reason to be encouraged with the measure of success, with which his labors have been attended.

April 23—Visited Cahawba, but in consequence of some misapprehension, found that no appointment had been made for Divine Service, and that therefore no congregation had assembled,

April 24 and 25—Visited Selma, preached four times, and confirmed four persons, of whom one belongs to the Parish of St. Peter's, Lowndes. I was much gratified to find the general prospects of this Parish decidedly improved, and to learn that by the active exertions of the Rector, there would be an entire liquidation of the debt, which for years had been resting on the Church. I trust that in a short time, Selma will cease to be a Missionary station.

Such is a brief history of my labors during the past year, during which time, I

have travelled several thousand miles, have preached about one hundred and fifty times, have baptized on several occasions, have consecrated one Church, have Ordained one Deacon, and four Presbyters, and have confirmed one hundred and six persons. The number of persons confirmed, would doubtless have been greater, had not all the Clergy uniformly, and as I think very properly, acted on the principle of encouraging none to present themselves for Confirmation, unless it was their purpose to come forward to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The changes that have occurred among the Clergymen, are as follows—viz: The Rev. Wm. Johnson has been transferred to the Diocese of Georgia; the Rev. L. B. Wright to the Diocese of Maryland; the Rev. C. F. Peake to the Diocese of Florida; and the Rev. F. L. Laird to the Diocese of Indiana. The Rev. F. P. Lee has been received into the Diocese; the Rev. Mr. Zimmer has been Ordained to the Ministry in this Diocese; the Rev. Mr. Ellis is laboring in the Diocese, though he has not as yet, been canonically transferred. During the present month, two new Clergymen will be admitted into the Diocese to labor, the one in Eutaw, and the other in Huntsville. In the course of the year, two or three of our candidates will be admitted to the Ministry; these together with several Clergymen that I expect to obtain from other Dioceses, will so far increase our band of Ministers, as to enable us to occupy most of our vacant stations.

The present number of Candidates belonging to the Diocese is seven. When we consider the prospective claims and demands of the Diocese, we perceive how important it is, that some measures should be adopted with a view to obtaining a permanent supply of Ministers. It is my wish and purpose, to establish in the Diocese, a school for boys to be under the control of the Bishop, with the hope and expectation of making such a school a nursery for the Ministry of the Church. We can never expect the Church permanently and extensively to flourish, till we have a supply of Ministers reared up in the midst of us. The attempt however, to establish such a school, will depend upon the degree of interest in its behalf, manifested on the part of the friends and members of the Church in this Diocese. And here I feel constrained to express my deep sense of obligation, for the very kind and liberal proposition that was made to me on the part of some friends in the neighborhood of the Greene Springs. They proposed to purchase these Springs, and to convey them to me in fee simple, with the understanding that I should establish there an Episcopal school, for the education of boys, under my own immediate supervision. This proposition was the more liberal from the fact, that it was tendered by those who were not Episcopalians. And though, from prudential considerations, I was induced to decline the offer, I yet feel called upon to express my thankfulness in this public and formal manner. In conclusion, I should do injustice to my feelings if I did not bear my willing and grateful testimony to the kindness and liberality which have been uniformly extended to me in every part of the Diocese through which I have travelled.

N. H. COBBS,

*Bishop of the P. E. C. in the Diocese of Alabama.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen, be appointed to nominate a Standing Committee, and Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. Messrs. KNAPP and HANSON, of the Clergy, and Messrs. H. L. ALISON and WM. M. GARROW, of the Laity, were appointed the Committee of Nomination.

The Convention then adjourned until four o'clock, P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention met according to adjournment.

The roll was called by the Secretary. A quorum being present, the Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The President appointed the following gentlemen to compose the Committee on Canons :

Rev. B. M. MILLER,	Rev. F. P. LEE,
E. G. BENNERS, Esq ,	WM. M. GARROW, Esq.

The Committee on Nomination, recommended the following named gentlemen to compose the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, viz :—Rev. Messrs. N. P. Knapp, F. B. Lee and J. H. Linebaugh, of the Clergy ; and Messrs. G. Taylor, H. L. Alison and J. A. Purnell, of the Laity.

The Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee.

Dr. Paul Lee and J. Withers Clay, were appointed Tellers.

The nominees of the Committee of Nomination, were elected on the first ballot.

Leave was granted the Delegate from St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, to read the Parochial Report of that Parish. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on Nomination, recommended the following gentlemen as Delegates to the General Convention, viz :

Rev. Messrs. F. P. LEE,	Messrs. M. J. CONLEY,
„ F. R. HANSON,	„ W. M. GARROW,
„ J. A. MASSEY, and	„ H. A. TAYLOE, and
„ J. S. MARBURY,	„ TURNER WILSON,
Of the Clergy.	Of the Laity.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for Delegates to the General Convention.

Dr. Paul Lee and J. Withers Clay, were appointed Tellers.

Upon counting the ballots, the nominees of the Committee of Nomination, having a majority of the ballots cast, were declared to be elected Delegates to the General Convention.

The Convention then adjourned until nine o'clock, to morrow.

SATURDAY, May 8th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the President.

The roll was then called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet in Christ Church, Mobile, on the 4th Thursday in February, A. D. 1848.

E. W. PECK, ISAAC CROOM and HENRY A. TAYLOR, were elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund for the ensuing year.

The Right Rev. Bishop COBBS, read the Report of the Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Committee :

The Missionary Committee of the Diocese, beg leave to report, that they have in their employment, the Rev. Mr. Baker, who has been laboring with evident manifestations of usefulness in Demopolis, giving also a part of his time to the Fork of Greene. The Rev. Mr. Peake was engaged during a portion of the year, at Eutaw, and although he was constrained to accept a call to Pensacola, yet he obviously advanced the interests of the Church during his short stay in the Diocese. If the Committee could obtain Ministers, they think they could soon build up many of the waste places of our Zion.—All which, is respectfully submitted.

N. H. COBBS,

*Bishop of the Diocese, and Chairman of the Committee.*

P. S.—Not having received the Treasurer's Report, the amount of funds on hand cannot be stated.

Which was adopted.

Dr. H. L. ALISON presented the Report of the Finance Committee, which was read.

The President retired, and called the Rev. F. R. Hanson to the chair.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the suggestions contained in the Report of the Committee on Finance be adopted.

Report of the Committee on Finance :

The Committee on Finance report that having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, they find that of the assessment for the contingent expenses of the Convention of 1846, amounting to \$113, only \$81 have been collected ; of previous assessments, \$39 have been collected ; which, with the balance on hand, \$18 50—\$138,50 ; against which, he has paid for printing, &c., \$81,25, and \$60 to the Bishop's travelling expenses—leaving that fund, \$2,75 in debt.

The Committee are under the necessity of increasing the assessment for the contingent fund on the Parishes to meet the expenses of the present year, and recommend that fifty per cent be added to the assessment of the last year ; and would urge upon the Parishes the absolute necessity of paying the assessments previous to the adjournment of the Convention.

Of the assessments for the Bishop's Salary, a sufficiency has been collected to meet the engagements of the Convention. The Bishop's Salary has been paid ; and his travelling expenses and postago, amounting to \$150, will be paid as soon as this Report is accepted.

The Committee do not think it expedient to make any change in the assessment of the old Parishes for the Bishop's Salary, except St. Stephen's \$40, which has been divided, and have assessed the new, as follows : Trinity Church, Mobile, \$50 ; Trinity Church, Dallas, \$25 ; St. Mark's \$40, and \$6 each for contingent expenses.

Your Committee think the Bishop should not be subjected to the inconvenience of keeping an account of travelling and postage expenses, and recommend that his salary be increased to \$1750 to cover those expenses ; and any surplus which may remain in hand, at this time, or may be collected on past assessments, be paid over to the Bishop to meet the extraordinary expenses of this year.

The Committee recommend that the unpaid assessments of St. Luke's, Cahawba, be remitted.

HUGH L. ALISON.

	Bishop's Assessment.	Contingent Expenses.
Christ Church, Mobile, . . . . .	500,00	37,50
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, . . . . .	200,00	12,00
St. John's Church, Montgomery, . . . . .	200,00	12,00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', . . . . .	150,00	6,00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon, . . . . .	100,00	6,00
Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Counties, . . . . .	100,00	6,00
St. Paul's Church, Selma, . . . . .	50,00	6,00
St. John's Church, in the Prairies, . . . . .	30,00	6,00
St. James Church, Livingston, . . . . .	50,00	6,00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, . . . . .	50,00	6,00
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
St. Paul's Church, Carlisle, . . . . .	50,00	6,00
Trinity Church, Lafayette, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
Trinity Church, Florence, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
St. David's Church, Dallas County, . . . . .	50,00	6,00
Trinity Church, Demopolis, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
Christ Church, Hayneville, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
St. John's in the Wilderness, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
St. James Church, Eufaula, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
Christ Church, Wetumpka, . . . . .	20,00	6,00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, . . . . .	40,00	6,00
Trinity Church, Mobile, . . . . .	50,00	6,00
Trinity Church, Dallas County, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
St. Mark's, Greene County, . . . . .	40,00	6,00
	1930,00	199,50

The following Parishes still owe the assessments for 1846:

	Bishop's Assessment.	Contingent Expenses.
St. John's Church in the Prairies, . . . . .	\$30,00	\$6,00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
Trinity Church, Florence, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, . . . . .	—	6,00
St. John's in the Wilderness, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
St. James', Eufaula, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
Christ Church, Wetumpka, . . . . .	20,00	6,00
Trinity Church, Dallas County, . . . . .	25,00	6,00
Christ Church, Hayneville, . . . . .	25,00	

Rev. B. M. Miller, of the Committee on the State of the Church, read the following Report. (See Appendix B.) On motion it was adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to advertise in some paper published in Mobile, Tuscaloosa and Greensboro', the last Journal of the Diocese.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Missionary Committee—Rev. A. S. Smith, Rev. J. S. Marbury, of the Clergy, and Messrs. M. J. Conley and E. W. Peck, were re-elected.

Thomas W. McCoy, was re-elected Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

The President resumed the chair.

Rev. J. S. Marbury offered the following proposed Canon—

When any portion of a Parish in connection with this Convention, shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt articles of association, and apply to the Convention for admission.

In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division, the portion seeking for it, shall make known the fact to the Convention, and the Convention shall then decide upon the expediency of separation,

Which was referred to the Committee on Canons.

Rev. F. B. Lee, made the following Report from the Committee to examine the Journal of the last General Convention :

The Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Journal of the General Convention, with a view to ascertaining whether there were any, and if so, what amendments of, or additions to, the Constitution and Canons of the Church calling for the action of the Diocesan Convention, report that they have made such examination as their opportunities allowed, and find nothing claiming the attention of this body.

F. B. LEE, *Chairman*,

Which was read and adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That if any of the Delegates elected to the General Convention should be unable to attend, they be required to report the fact to the Bishop thirty days before the meeting of the Convention, and that he be requested to supply the vacancies.

The hour for Divine Service having arrived, the Convention took a recess. After Service the Convention was called to order.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Tuscaloosa, for their hospitality extended to its members.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary cause 600 copies of this Journal to be printed as soon as practicable, and that he distribute the same among the several Parishes by mail or otherwise,

On motion, the following gentlemen were elected Trustees of the Female Diocesan School :

M. J. CONLEY, Montgomery.	CHARLES SNOW, Tuscaloosa.
E. L. DAWSON, Carlowville.	S. J. LEACH, “
J. R. PURNELL, Selma.	E. F. COMEGYS, “
E. W. PECK, Tuscaloosa.	W. G. PARISH, “
H. A. SNOW, “	A. LYNCH, “
J. R. DRISH, “	G. CLEVELAND, Jr. Mobile.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to procure two copies of the Journal from the organization of the Diocese, and have them bound for the use of the Convention.

The Bishop then addressed the Convention, expressing his great encouragement at the present prosperity and cheering prospects of the Church in Alabama, as developed in the Pa-

rochial Reports, and the fraternal harmony and spirit of conciliation, exhibited by both Clergymen and Laity, throughout the sitting of the Convention—and concluded with prayer.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

NICHOLAS H. COBBS, *President*.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

There was public worship and a Sermon morning and night during the sitting of the Convention.

On Sunday, May 9th, the Rev. Messrs. Smith and Massey read the Service, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cobbs read the Ante-Communion Service, and the Rev. Mr. Knapp preached.

There was Divine Service in the afternoon at 4 o'clock, and a Sermon by the Rev. J. A. Massey.

At night, the Rev. J. H. Linebaugh preached the Missionary Sermon, after which a collection was taken up.

## APPENDIX A.

### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GREENE COUNTY.—Rev. F. M. BAKER.

Baptisms—Colored, (infants) 14	Total, 14
Confirmations—White, 3	" 3
Deaths— " 1	" 1
Communicants—White, added 3; removed 1; present number,	" 8
Communion—Number of times administered,	" 1
Collections—For Bishop's Fund and Convention expenses,	\$27

I have been officiating in the lower portion of St. Stephen's Parish, since December last, when the Rev. Mr. Peake resigned the charge of it. The Convention has now recognized this portion of St. Stephen's, as a separate Parish, under the title of St. Mark's, and the congregation hope to erect soon a Church edifice.

### TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS,—Rev. F. M. BAKER.

Baptisms—Colored, adults 4, infants 37,	Total, 41
Confirmations—White, 4,	" 4
Marriages— " 2,	" 2
Communicants—White, (added 10) present number,	" 21
Sunday School—Teachers 5, scholars 31	" 36
Library—Number of books,	" 100
Communion—Number of times administered,	" 4
Offerings at Communion,	\$24.00
Collections for Bishop's Fund and Convention expenses,	29.00

Divine Service has been celebrated regularly, the first and third Sundays in each month; and during the Summer and Fall months, weekly lectures have been held.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo County, reports that there has been no important change in the condition of this Parish, since the last Convention. Three have been added to the Communion of the Church, and the same number have removed from the Parish. We feel some inconvenience from the want of a House of Worship of our own, and the Church can hardly be considered as permanently established, until that object is attained. The Rector, however, hopes that the wealthy and intelligent community by which the church is sustained in this Parish, will, before long, remove this inconvenience, by erecting for themselves a suitable House of Worship.

Communicants,	19
Baptisms—(Infants)	4
Confirmations,	3
Marriages,	1
Collections for the Diocesan Missionary Society,	\$20.75
Offering at Communion,	20.15

WALNUT GROVE, Marengo Co. }  
April 27, 1847. }

F. R. HANSON, Rector.

I have also officiated a part of the year in St. John's Church, Prairies, Greene County, and attended one funeral, preached four times, and administered the Communion twice in St. David's Church, Dallas County.

F. R. H.



## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—N. P. KNAPP, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adult 1; infant 12	13
Confirmations—White,	5
Marriages—White, 2; colored 1	3
Deaths—(2, not of congregation.)	4
Communicants—White, added 14; died 1; removed 7;	55
Colored,	3
Sunday School—Teachers 8, Pupils, white, 35; Colored, 30: total	65
Library—Number of vols.	50
Parish Library, Number of vols.	100
Communion—Number of times administered,	12
Offerings at Communion,	\$96.88
Collections—For Foreign Missions,	67.50
" Diocesan "	14.35
" For support of Episcopate,	114.50
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,	220

The Service has been followed by a Sermon twice each Lord's day, once on each of the Festivals and Feasts, and on every Friday night. Every Wednesday morning, and on the *Holy days acc. to Calendar*, we have had the full appointed Service. Service twice each month at *Mount Meigs*, as usual.—Attendance good and growing.—Religious pulse, as was expected after the fever of previous year—*rather low*.—Members of the Parish have enabled the Rector to procure by purchase, a handsome and convenient Rectory, which will prove, he trusts, as *such property usually does*, a valuable and permanent support to the Parish. For this acquisition on behalf of the Church, he records his hearty thanks. May others go and do likewise.

## CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—F. P. LEE.

Baptised—1 adult, 25 infants by my predecessor; 7 adults,	
34 infants by me,	67
Confirmed—25 of the Parish: 1 from Trinity Church,	26
Communicants—154 whites; 5 colored left on record by my predecessor; 19 removed; 32 whites added; 1 colored, present number,	173
Married—8 by my predecessor, 6 by me,	14
Buried—9 by my predecessor, 9 by me,	18
Sunday Schools,	3
Teachers,	30
140 Scholars white, 45 colored,	185
Volumes in Library,	200
Collections—Besides the usual Parochial and Diocesan expenses of this Parish, and some out door collections, of which I do not know the particulars, for the sufferers of Ireland and Scotland,	\$240.00
At the Communion,	215.90
For Church at Selma, about,	350.00
" " Key West,	350.00
In Sunday School to support four heathen children,	100.00
For Domestic Missions 322.00, unappropriated 220.00,	542.00
For debt of this Church on condition of the collection of the whole	1,600.00

Services.—I succeeded the Rev. J. A. Massey in the charge of this Parish, Nov. 15, 1846, since which time, I have usually preached once on Wednesday's and and Friday's, and three times on Sundays up to this date.

The Constitution of this Church was amended at the Easter meetings, so as to make it entirely conformable to the present Canons.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHAWBA.—Rev. J. H. LINEBAUGH, Minister.

Baptisms—(Infant, white)	5
Marriages,	1
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—White, added 3; present number,	4
Communion—Number of times administered,	2
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,	22

The Minister of this Parish, while he can report nothing positively favorable to its present increase, indulges the hope, that the Church may grow, hereafter. There seems to be a favorable consideration of the claims of the Church, in the community, and usually a large and respectable attendance upon her services. If an arrangement could be made, whereby the services of the Church could be had more frequently, or, if a Minister resided there, we think there is not a doubt, that the Church would be triumphantly established. Preaching at the rare interval of once in four weeks, cannot be expected to do much more, ordinarily, than keep the congregation together. There are many families enrolled among the friends of the Church—who will ultimately be brought into it.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. J. H. LINEBAUGH, Rector.

Baptisms—(Infant, white)	9
Marriages—White,	2
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—White, added 6; 1 by removal,	22
Burials—White,	3
Communions—Number of times,	8
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated, about,	50
Sunday School— { Teachers,	6
{ Scholars,	30

The Minister of this Parish, reports its present condition, as compared with its condition, when he took charge of it, as encouraging. When he took charge of the Parish, its condition was lamentably bad. The Church building was heavily in debt, and unfinished. Its debts were near \$2,400. The creditors kindly consented to release all their debts, upon the payment of \$637 by 1st December, 1847. Through the enlarged liberality of the members of Christ Church, Mobile, we have received \$340 for the extinguishment of the balance. We also acknowledge the receipt of \$50 from an esteemed Layman of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. Also \$100 from a Planter of Dallas County—leaving the small balance of \$147 to be yet met. The ladies, by a fair, realized over \$500, to be appropriated to the completion of the Church. By the next Convention, we are in hopes to be able to report the Church out of debt, and finished. We acknowledge the receipt of two chairs for the Chancel, a present from Mr. Newhouse, of Mobile, also a Communion cloth from Messrs. Henry Stodder, & Co.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—F. B. LEE, Minister.

Baptisms—White, infants 7; white adults 2; colored infant 1; colored adults 0, whole number,	10
Confirmations,	15
Marriages,	0
Burials,	3
Communicants—Added 8; lost 1; colored 2; whole number,	36
Sunday School—Teachers,	5
" " Scholars, White 15, Colored 10,	25
Paid to Bishop's Assessment,	\$50 00
Other purposes,	\$32 24

In addition to my regular duties, I have given instruction to a colored congregation, holding Services and Preaching to them once a month at Church, and once a week at my residence.

## CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, GOOD FRIDAY, 1847.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR :—As the Convention of Alabama will hold their Annual Session in a few weeks, I address this to you, in accordance with the last sentence of the 1st Section of Canon VIII of 1841.

Since my painful separation from my Parish in Mobile, I have resided chiefly in New England, and for the last three months in this part of it, with the view, as you well know, of endeavoring to restore my health. But, I regret to be compelled to say, that I fear it has not materially improved. Indeed, I do not know that I am any better than I was a year ago. I have not been able to perform any Ministerial Services, nor have I attempted it, except in a single instance, when I assisted at an Ordination by the Bishop of N. H., by reading the Lessons, and administering the Wine at the Holy Communion.

I have nearly abandoned all hope of even a partial recovery, sufficient to resume my Ministerial labors again. I have now only to prepare to die, and I trust by the grace of God, I shall be prepared, when the summons is sent forth, calling me to my last, great account. My *whole* and *only* hope of Salvation is founded upon the merits, and Intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is over all, God, blessed forevermore.

With my kindest regards to your family, I remain, Rt. Rev. Sir, most affectionately and obediently yours,

SAMUEL S. LEWIS.

To N. H. COBB, D.D., *Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.*

## TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—B. M. MILLER, Rector.

Baptisms—Children, white,	15	
" Colored,	32	47
Confirmations,		6
Marriages,		5
Funerals,		10
Communicants—Added 31 ; whole number,		51
Sunday School Teachers.		8
" " Scholars,		35

Contributions to various objects, exclusive of Communion aims, about, \$300

The organization of this member of the Holy Catholic Church, took place in May last. Since then, its progress has been steadily onward, so that the Rector, notwithstanding occasional discouragements, by no means peculiar, is called upon to say only "The Lord be praised."

This Church has been established upon the free pew system, thus affording an open way to the Altars of our beloved Zion, for those in reference to whom the promise is that we shall have them always with us, left by our blessed Lord as a rich legacy to his Church—the poor. Already many cases the widow and the fatherless have taken up their abode with us, and not a few from without have confessed their delight in the privileges enjoyed.

"Not many rich," have yet appeared to strengthen our hands, but the hope is entertained, that in another year at most, another House of the Lord will be begun to be erected, if the means necessary can be procured. This, the Rector is encouraged to believe will be done. In this hope he relies under God, to the well known christian liberality of the entire Episcopal community by which he is surrounded, acting in unison with his own little flock, and the zealous body of vestry men, by whom he has thus far been so ably sustained. A ladies sewing society has been established, which promises to render very efficient aid.

## ST. JAMES' PARISH, LIVINGSTON.—J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

Baptisms during the past year, 12—including two by the Bishop. Communicants added 8—present number about 37. 1 Marriage, 1 Death. The Rector took charge of St. James Church, in December last, and has been gratified since, by evident signs of its increasing prosperity, and he thinks the prospects of the Church in the Parish, and in the county generally, are such as call for devout thankfulness, and warrant the expectation of a large accession to her ranks at no distant day.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. J. S. MARRBURY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants 6 ; colored infants 6. Total,	12
Confirmations,	12
Communicants—Died 3; removed 3; withdrawn 2; added 12. (Two of the Communicants Candidates for Orders.) Total,	35
Marriages,	1
Funerals—Whites, adults 4 ; infants 3 ; colored adult 1 ; infant 3. Total,	11
Sunday School.—Teachers 4 ; scholars 35.	
Number of volumes,	140
Collections—For various Church purposes,	\$225.44
The Rector begs leave to record to the honor of his Parish, that they have paid him more than the promised salary.	

## UNION PARISH, DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

Baptisms—White, 1 adult, 3 infants ; colored children, 45. Total,	49
Confirmations—White,	2
Marriages—Colored,	1
Funeral—Colored,	1
Communicants—Added 2 ; removed 2. Total,	20
“ Colored 10. Total white and colored,	30
Communion—Number of times administered,	5
Collections—Proceeds of Fair for Church at Union Town,	\$420
Communion offering at Union Town, \$5.35. Bishop's Salary, \$100.	
Assessment, \$4. Total,	\$429.35
Catechumens, 17 white, about 160 colored.	

A Church edifice is about to be erected at Union Town. The contractors have stipulated to finish it by the first of next November. A gentleman, a member of another denomination, has generously given an acre lot on which the Church is to be built. The ladies of the congregation, I am gratified to say, are still zealously engaged in Catechising the colored children. On each Sabbath, it is the custom of such ladies as are engaged in this good work, to assemble around them all children on the plantations, who are old enough to receive instruction. Bishop Ives' Catechism is chiefly used, and when the classes are sufficiently advanced, they are then taught the Catechism of the Church. To prevent tediousness, singing is intermingled with the instruction—it never fails to produce the desired effect. From time to time, I attend the recitations, and often has my heart been cheered by hearing the Hymns and Chants of the Church by the different classes.

E. C. MURDAUGH.

## CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA.—Rev. A. S. SMITH, Ass't. Minister.

Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 7, colored adults 3, infants 5. Total,	17
Confirmations—White,	4
Communicants—Added 5, removed 8. Total,	42
Marriages,	1
Funerals—Adults 2, infants 4. Total,	6
Sabbath School—Teachers, Male 5, Female 5. Total,	10
“ Scholars, Male 25, Female 20. “	45
“ Volumes in Library,	225
Communion administered on the 1st Sunday of every month, also, on Easter Sunday and Christmas day.	
Contributions for support of missions \$51.50. Communion offerings \$100. Bishop's Fund \$200. Total,	\$351.50
Families, about	30

The regular Services of the Church are held either by the Bishop or myself, twice every Sunday ; on every Wednesday throughout the year ; during the season of Lent, on Wednesdays and Fridays ; during Passion week, every day ; and on

all those days for which the Church has provided special Services. Though the Church has not increased in numbers during the year, yet there is reason to hope, that its prospects are brightening, and that it is gradually gaining in strength and in the confidence of the community.

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.

On the fifth Sunday of November last, I took charge of this Parish, in connection with Christ Church, Hayneville. Services have been regularly performed on every first and second Sunday of the month, with one exception. On the same days in the afternoon, Services to the blacks. The ladies of the Parish have taken steps to finish the Church.

Statistics of the Church are as follows:

Families belonging to the Parish,	10
Communicants, (2 blacks,)	15
Baptisms—Infants 3, adults 2,	5
Confirmations,	5
Bishop's Assessment, paid,	\$25

#### CHRIST CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE.

Regular Services have been held on every second Sunday, and on Tuesday night after the fourth Sunday, with one exception.

Families belonging to the Parish,	7
Communicants,	11
Confirmations,	6
Baptisms—Infants 1, adults 6,	7

Services have been held in Lowndesboro every Monday night after the second and fourth Sundays of the month from Christmas last. The prospect is favorable. Five of the above Baptisms and Confirmations were administered in this place.

Regular Services at Pleasant Hill, on every fourth Sunday since Christmas. The prospect is favorable. The Church has been organized by the name of Trinity Church, Dallas county. The Parish desire to be admitted into the Diocese. They are making efforts to erect a suitable Church edifice. From the first of February last, I have endeavored to preach every other week in Benton, but in consequence of bad weather, have not been able to do so regularly, and am of opinion, that Services will have to be discontinued on account of other duties.

WM. I. ZIMMER.

#### ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH.—W. F. PIERCE, Sen'r. W.

This Parish has been without a Minister at Eutaw, since the 20th of November last. The Rev. Mr. Baker, has officiated in the lower part of the Parish since the Rev. C. F. Peake left us, and has reported in relation to that portion of the Parish which has been lately formed into a new Parish called St. Mark's. Eutaw, and the neighborhood above, will constitute St. Stephen's Parish, in which there are about fourteen communicants. There have been no addition to the Communicants since the last Convention, but it is believed there are several who are wanting to present themselves for Baptism, and for Confirmation. There is more interest manifested in behalf of the Church, than heretofore. Some \$1880 have been subscribed for the purpose of building an Episcopal Church in Eutaw, and there is every prospect that a thriving and prosperous Church may be built up in the Parish, with the aid of a permanent and efficient Minister residing among us. —\$27 of the Bishop's Fund has been paid.

## CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE, ALA.,

The Delegate from the Church of the Nativity, respectfully reports, that, from the date of the last report until the close of the year, the Rev. Mr. Laird, assisted by the Rev. John M. Robertson, usually officiated twice on each Sunday, besides observing the Holy Days. On Rev. Mr. Laird's taking leave of the Parish, the Rev. Mr. Robertson, by invitation of the Vestry, kindly consented to officiate once on each Sunday, until the services of a Minister could be permanently secured; and thus we have been enabled to keep our little flock from scattering, "like sheep without a shepherd." The Vestry have called the Rev. Henry C. Lay, of Virginia, to the charge of the Parish, and expect him to enter upon his duties in June next. A small, but graceful, semi-gothic Church edifice is nearly completed, at an expense something less than \$4,000, and though we be yet amongst "the smallest of the tribes of Israel," and have many difficulties to contend with, our prospects for increased prosperity are cheering. The Church has suffered, as heretofore, in the number of Communicants and Sunday Scholars, from removal. However, a Good Providence has provided, in some measure for our losses, and given many tokens of encouragement, and "through Christ which strengtheneth us," we hope, under the faithful labors of our new Minister, to establish the Church on a sure and permanent foundation.—The Delegate reports:

Baptisms—Whites, (adult 1, infant 1)	2
Confirmations,	5
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	1
Communicants—Removed 5, added 10—present number,	19
Sunday School Teachers,	5
Sunday Scholars, about	25
Communion usually administered once a month, and on occasional Holy Days.	
Offerings at Communion,	\$28.07
Sunday School Collection,	8.89
Assessment for support of Bishop—paid	50.00

## St. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.—JOHN ELLERBE, Warden.

There have been no regular Services in the Church, since June last, when the Church became vacant by the resignation of the former Rector, the Rev. Wm. Johnson.

The thanks of the congregation are due to the Rev. Messrs. Hanson and Murdaugh, who have occasionally officiated and administered the Lord's Supper.

There have been since the last report,

Baptisms—White, (infants)	4
Present number of Communicants, 8 whites, 4 colored. Total,	12

The congregation are anxious to obtain the services of Minister, and have made repeated efforts to do so, but unfortunately, thus far, without success. They have also to regret the loss of several members of the Church from death and removal.

The above Report is made in accordance with the 4th Section of Canon XII of this Diocese.

## APPENDIX B.



The Committee on the State of the Church, respectfully report to the Convention, that on an examination of the various documents committed to them, they feel authorized to announce the present condition of the Church as prosperous and healthful. Through the continued blessing of her Divine Head, our beloved Zion in this South-Western border, though yet but young in years, is gradually assuming the vigor of a manly youth, increasing yet more and more in strength as her years increase. This is apparent from the fact, that nearly all the organized Parishes, hitherto vacant, are now supplied with an efficient and faithful Ministry, and that there is a fair prospect within the present year of the occupation of them all. Meanwhile, new and interesting fields for the Spiritual culture are being made known. Many, heretofore strangers to our Zion, desire the knowledge of her ways, and the privileges of worshiping at her altars.

In view of these facts, taken together with the increased number of Candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese, and the details of the several Parochial Reports as exhibited in the tabular statement, your Committee feel themselves fully justified in calling upon Clergy and Laity, to unite with them in rendering most hearty thanks to Him, who "loved the Church and gave himself for it," and who has hitherto so helped and blessed her.

Your Committee beg leave to call the attention of the Convention to that portion of the Diocesan Report, having reference to Parochial education. This subject cannot but be of the deepest interest to every parental bosom, as it manifestly is of vital importance to the Church in this Southern region. We would urge it therefore upon Clergy and Laity, to consider, whether the time has not arrived, when the Lord's House should be built up amongst us, by an instrumentality which begins, as does this, at her very foundation. May not the hope be indulged, that within the current year, some successful effort will be made towards the establishment of a Diocesan Institute for boys?

When the children of Israel "*had a mind to work*," difficulties apparently insuperable, were speedily overcome. We do believe that prayer and consentaneous effort on our part, will be crowned with entire success. We do believe, that in this we shall most effectually hold up the hands of our beloved Diocesan, cheer his heart and render him most effectual aid in building up the waste places of Zion, over which, he is called of God to preside.

In connection with the foregoing, your Committee claim the privilege of directing the attention of parents and guardians throughout the Diocese, to the Female Seminary, now in successful operation in this delightful and healthy city. Established under auspices so favorable, in every particular, to the mental and religious improvement of its pupils, it cannot but commend itself to the patronage of those who desire to see the daughters of the Church, becoming as "*polished corners of the Temple*."

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. M. MILLER, *Chairman.*



# ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

NAMES OF PARISHES.	Baptisms.				Communicants.				Paid to Bishop's Assessment.	Paid to Associate Minister for Con- tingent Expenses.	Paid to Diaconary So- ciety.	Other Contri- butions.	PRESENT MINISTERS.
	When admitted into Union.	Children.	Adults.	Whole No.	Confirmed.	Added.	Removed.	Colored.	Whole Number.	White.	Colored.		
Christ Church, Mobile,.....	1830	59	8	67	28	14	18	33	19	6	173	30	\$3397 00 Rev. Francis Prioleau Lec.
Christ Church, Turleboona,.....	1830	7	2	9	16	4	1	6	5	8	42	10	160 00 Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobba, D.D.
St. Paul's Church, Greenville,.....	1830	6	6	12	12	1	11	12	8	35	4	28	225 44 Rev. J. S. Marbury.
Trinity Church, Danville,.....	1835	0	37	41	4	2	10	10	8	21	5	31	24 00 Rev. F. M. Baker.
St. James' Church, Pringles,.....	1835	12	1	13	1	1	8	8	37	37	0	0	Vacant.
St. James' Church, Livingston,.....	1836	12	1	13	5	3	4	14	8	5	58	8	158 30 Rev. T. A. Massey.
St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....	1837	12	1	13	5	3	4	14	8	5	58	8	Rev. N. P. Knapp.
Christ Church, Wetumpka,.....	1837	12	1	13	5	3	4	14	8	5	58	8	Vacant.
St. Michael's Church, Marion,.....	1838	5	2	7	5	5	0	0	2	25	0	0	Rev. W. I. Zimmer.
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Co.,.....	1838	1	6	7	0	2	3	7	11	22	6	30	Do.
Christ Church, Hayneville,.....	1838	9	5	14	2	1	3	3	4	23	0	0	Rev. J. H. Linclough.
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	1839	5	3	8	3	1	0	0	2	50	0	0	Do.
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,.....	1839	7	2	9	10	13	3	8	1	36	5	25	Vacant.
Trinity Church, Lafayette,.....	1839	7	2	9	10	13	3	8	1	36	5	25	Rev. F. B. Lee.
St. Paul's Church, Carlisleville,.....	1839	7	2	9	10	13	3	8	1	36	5	25	Vacant.
St. John's Church, Tusculum,.....	1840	7	2	9	10	13	3	8	1	36	5	25	Do.
Trinity Church, Florence,.....	1840	7	2	9	10	13	3	8	1	36	5	25	Do.
Church of the Newby, Hayneville,.....	1841	1	1	2	1	1	10	5	4	19	5	25	Do.
St. David's Church, Milledgeville,.....	1841	4	4	8	4	1	1	10	5	19	5	25	Do.
St. Andrew's Church, Milledgeville,.....	1844	4	4	8	4	1	1	10	5	19	5	25	Rev. F. R. Hanson.
Union Parish, Macon,.....	1844	3	1	4	4	2	1	3	2	10	10	0	425 35 Rev. E. C. Mordaugh.
Union Parish, Macon and Perry,.....	1845	3	1	4	4	2	1	3	2	10	10	0	Vacant.
St. James' Church, Edwaula,.....	1845	3	1	4	4	2	1	3	2	10	10	0	Do.
St. John's, in the Wilderness,.....	1846	15	32	47	6	5	10	31	1	14	14	35	1880 00 Do. B. M. Miller.
St. Stephen's Church, Eatons,.....	1847	14	14	28	3	1	3	1	8	51	8	35	300 00 Rev. F. M. Baker.
Trinity Church, Mobile,.....	1847	14	14	28	3	1	3	1	8	51	8	35	Rev. W. I. Zimmer.
St. Mark's Church, Greene Co.,.....	1847	14	14	28	3	1	3	1	8	51	8	35	
Trinity Church, Dallas Co.,.....	1847	14	14	28	3	1	3	1	8	51	8	35	
By the Bishop,.....		146	37	126	6	325	325	34	59	149	58	401	90
													\$1080 00 \$145 80 \$235 10 \$11,640 44

\*This report shows a decrease in Communicants, which is attributable to the fact, that heretofore, no accurate list has been kept; on the contrary, the Communi-  
cants are increasing.  
†This year's Report.  
‡This embraces the only returns made in the Parochial Reports.



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# FORM FOR A PAROCHIAL REPORT.



Name of the Church \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Rector \_\_\_\_\_

BAPTISMS: white (adults —, infants —;) colored (adults —, infants —) \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMATIONS: white —, colored —, . . . . . Total \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIAGES: white —, colored —, . . . . . Total \_\_\_\_\_

DEATHS: white —, colored —, . . . . . Total \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNICANTS: white (added —, died —, removed —,) present number \_\_\_\_\_

colored added —, died —, removed —, present number \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Teachers —, Scholars (white) —, colored . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

LIBRARY: number of Books . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

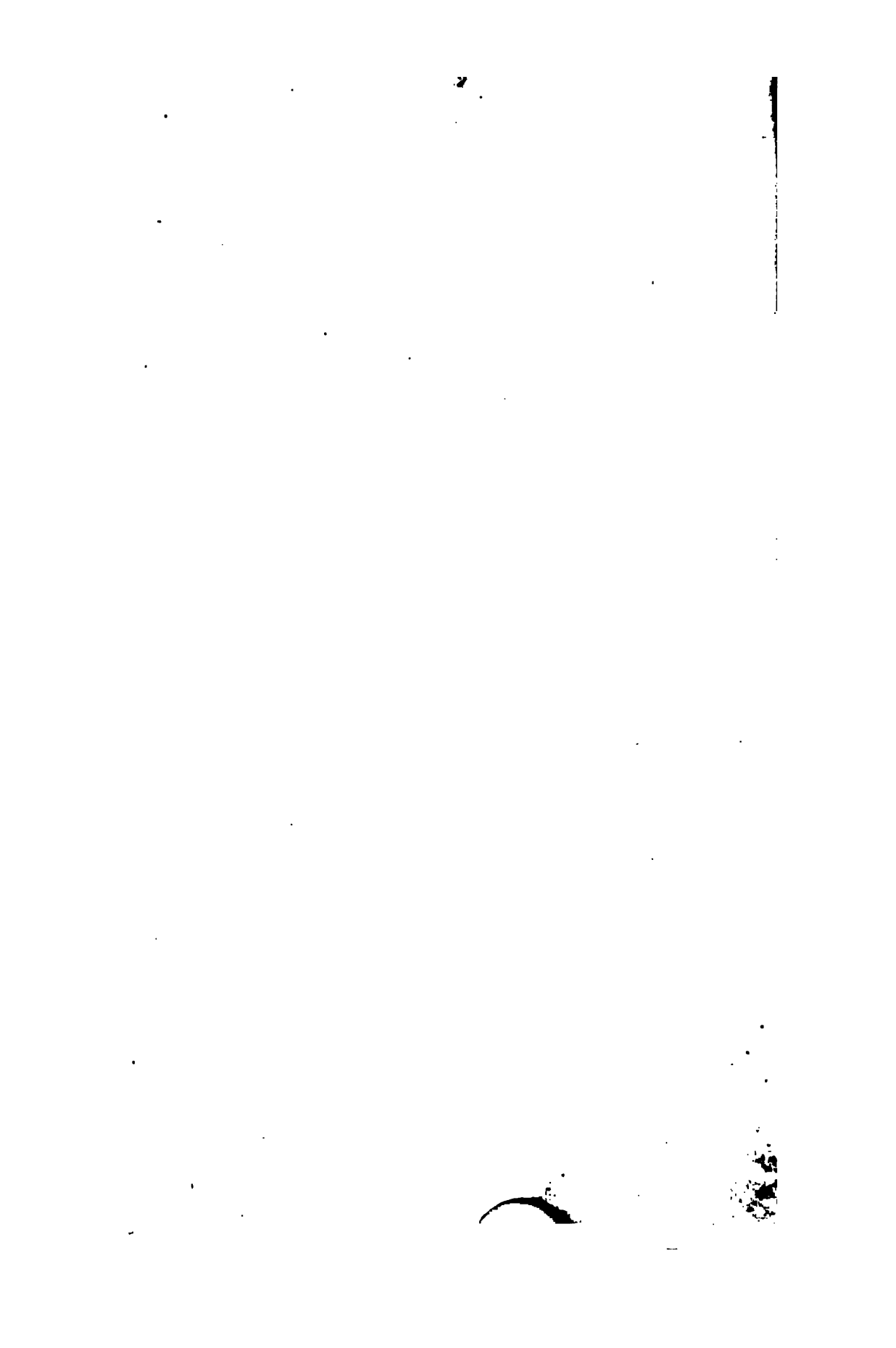
COMMUNION: number of times administered, . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

OFFERINGS: at Communion, . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

COLLECTIONS: [objects specified] . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

DIVINE SERVICE: number of times celebrated . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_



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Trinity Church, Mobile, . . .	*C. C. HAZARD, *G. F. BOONE, D. FOWLER, J. F. ADAMS,
Trinity Church, Pleasant Hill, . . .	_____
St. Mark's Church, Greene Co., . . .	JOHN G. FRIEND, A. LITTLE, P. L. LIGHTFOOT.

Delegates marked thus [\*] were present.

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MOBILE, St. Mathias Day, Feb. 24, 1848.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, many of the Clergy and Laity assembled in Christ Church this morning at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Right Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, took the Chair, and read the appropriate prayers.

The Bishop then presented a list of the Clergymen canonically resident in this Diocese, as required by the 9th Canon.

### LIST OF THE CLERGY.

Belonging to the Diocese of Alabama, February 24th, 1848.

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" A. S. SMITH, Teaching Female Academy, Columbus, Miss.

" J. T. B. SMITH, Officiating near Aberdeen, Miss.

" \* W. A. STICKNEY, Marion,

" \* WM. I. ZIMMER, St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Co.

The names of the Clergy were then called, and the following gentlemen were present :

Rev. R. A. COBBS,

" D. D. FLOWER,

" N. P. KNAPP,

" F. B. LEE,

" J. H. LINEBAUGH,

Rev. J. S. MARBURY,

" J. A. MASSY,

" E. S. MURDAUGH,

" W. A. STICKNEY,

" W. J. ZIMMER.

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\* Those marked thus [\*] are Deacons.

The Rev. Messrs. KNAPP, MASSEY and LINEBAUGH were appointed a Committee to examine the Certificates of appointment of the Lay Delegates.

The Delegates present handed in their Certificates of appointment.

The Committee retired, and soon made the following Report :

The Committee to whom was referred the Certificates of Lay Delegates to this Convention, find the Certificates from the following Parishes in form :

Christ Church, Mobile, . . . . .	H. BARNEY, EDWARD HALL, W. M. GARROW, HENRY STICKNEY, E. G. BENNERS,
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, . . . . .	E. F. COMEGYS, ROBT. BLAIR, J. R. DRISH, E. W. PECK.
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', . . . . .	ISAAC CROOM, TURNER WILSON, AUGUSTUS BENNERS, AUGUSTUS BARNUM, CHAS. L. STICKNEY.
Trinity Church, Demopolis, . . . . .	_____
St. John's Church, in the Prairies, . . . . .	_____
St. James' Church, Livingston, . . . . .	ROBT. H. SMITH, W. H. GREENE, G. B. SAUNDERS, L. H. ANDERSON, E. W. MURLEY,
St. John's Church, Montgomery, . . . . .	JAMES L. ENGLISH, MAURICE CONLEY, GEO. POLLARD, C. T. POLLARD, A. HEGEMEN,
Christ Church, Wetumpka, . . . . .	_____
St. Michael's Church, Marion, . . . . .	_____
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Co. . . . .	R. P. McCORD; LEANDER BROWN.
Christ Church, Hayneville, . . . . .	_____
St. Paul's Church, Selma, . . . . .	W. WADDELL, Jr. J. R. PURNELL, J. M. STRONG, J. S. JEFFREYS, B. R. HOGAN,
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, . . . . .	W. E. BYRD, C. C. PEGUES, E. M. PERRINE, T. M. MATTHEWS, J. A. ENGLISH,
Trinity Church, Lafayette, . . . . .	_____
St. Paul's Church, Carlewville, . . . . .	H. L. ALISON, JOHN SIMPSON, WM. REYNOLDS, WM. LANG,
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, . . . . .	_____
Trinity Church, Tuscumbia, . . . . .	_____
Church of The Nativity, Huntsville, . . . . .	_____

St. David's Church, Dallas Co. . . .	JOHN ELLERBEE,
St. Andrew's Church, Macon, . . . .	H. A. TAYLOE, J. C. BRANCH, H. A. DUVAL, M. M. FLETCHER,
Union Parish, Marengo, . . . . .	DAVID MINGE, J. M. LANGHORNE, T. D. PITTS, W. H. TAYLOE,
St. James' Church, Eufaula, . . . . .	_____
St. John's Church, in the Wilderness, . .	_____
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, . . . .	W. F. PIERCE, S. J. CHAPMAN,
Trinity Church, Mobile, . . . . .	C. C. HAZARD, G. F. BOONE, D. FOWLER, J. F. ADAMS,
Trinity Church, Pleasant Hill, . . . .	_____
St. Mark's Church, Greene Co. . . .	JOHN G. FRIEND, A. LITTLE, P. L. LIGHTFOOT.
N. P. KNAPP, Chairman.	

On motion, the Report was accepted.

The names of the Delegates were then called, and the following were found present :

H. BARNEY,	JOHN SIMPSON,
EDWARD HALL,	WM. REYNOLDS,
WM. M. GARROW,	JOHN ELLERBEE,
HENRY STICKNEY,	ISAAC CROOM,
E. G. BENNERS,	H. A. TAYLOE,
ROBERT BLAIR,	AUGUSTUS BARNUM,
E. W. PECK,	DAVID MINGE,
L. H. ANDERSON,	C. L. STICKNEY,
R. P. McCORD,	T. D. PITTS,
WM. F. PIERCE,	C. C. HAZARD,
GEO. B. SAUNDERS,	G. F. BOONE,
S. W. MURLEY,	J. M. LANGHORNE,
J. M. STRONG,	W. H. TAYLOE.
H. L. ALISON,	

On Motion, H. A. TAYLOE, was re-elected Secretary.

The Convention was then duly organised.

Permission being granted, WM. M. GARROW was appointed Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for Divine Service.—Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. J. A. MASSY, and the Lessons by the Rev. T. S. MARBURY. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. F. B. LEE—"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another,—Romans 12th Chap. 4th and 5th verses.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order.

On motion, *Resolved*, That all Clergymen of other Dioceses present, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to take seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and laid upon the table to be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Lay members of the Committee on Canons made the following Report :

The undersigned, members of the Committee on Canons, respectfully report—That in consequence of the removal from the Diocese of the Chairman of said Committee, and the death of the Rev. Mr. Lee, they have not been able to discharge the duty assigned them at the last Convention, and respectfully suggest that said Committee be reappointed to report to this Convention.

E. G. BENNERS,  
WM. M. GARROW.

Which was accepted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Canons consist of three Clerical and three Lay Delegates, and be now appointed by the President.

The following gentlemen : The Rev. Messrs. Knapp, Massey, and Linebaugh, of the Clergy, and Messrs. Garrow, Benners and Peck, were announced to compose the Committee on Canons.

The Rev. Mr. Linebaugh presented the following resolution of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Selma :

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Selma, on Saturday, 19th February, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz :

*Resolved*, That the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Alabama, be requested to hold its next annual session in St. Paul's Church Selma.

A true copy from the Minutes,  
Attest

W. JAMISON, Sec'y.

Which was laid on the table.

The Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING, Feb. 25, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with Prayer by the President.

The Roll was then called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following resolution, Presented by the Rev. N. P. Knapp, was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*. That whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to remove from our midst the Rev. FRANCIS PRIOLEAN LEE, late Rector of Christ Church, Mobile, we bow with meek submission to the dispensation which has brought to an early close the career of one whose talents and piety promised much usefulness, sustained by the hope that he has been called from the toil and strife of the Church militant to a share in the Church triumphant.

The President, in accordance with the third rule of order, appointed the following Standing Committees :

*Committee on the State of the Church*.—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. J. S. Marbury, Rev. E. C. Murdaugh, Rev. H. C. Lay.



*Committee on Unfinished Business.*—Rev. W. J. Zimmer, Mr John Simpson, Mr. Wm. H. Tayloe.

*Committee on Finance.*—

H. L. Alison,	John Ellerbee,
H. Barney,	R. P. McCord,
I. Croom,	R. Blair,
L. H. Anderson,	J. M. Strong,
W. F. Pierce,	G. F. Boone,
David Minge,	

The Parochial Reports were then read.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA.—N. H. CONNS, D. D.,

Baptisms—White adults, 2; Infants, 10; Colored none,	Total,	12
Confirmations—White, 7; Colored, none,	"	7
Marriages—none,	"	
Deaths—Whites, 2,	"	2
Communicants—White, added, 11; removed, 7; present number,	"	47
Colored, added, 1,	"	1
Sunday Schools—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30,	"	36
Library—Number of Books,		226
Communion—Administered the first Sunday in each month, and on the prescribed Festival days of the Church.		
Offerings at Communions—		\$100 00
Collections for Missions,		80 00
for Bishop's Salary,		200 00
Divine Service performed twice on Sundays, and generally once on Saints' days.		

Although this Parish has suffered much from removals, yet its prospects may still be regarded as encouraging. Since the deeply regretted departure of the Rev. A. S. Smith, I am greatly in want of a Clergyman to labor in this Parish, inasmuch as my Rectorship is but little more than nominal, in consequence of my frequent and long continued absence from home in the discharge of my Episcopal duties. At this time the Parish presents an inviting field of labor to an active and faithful Minister.

## TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.

Marriages—	Total,	1
Communicants—Last Report, 21; removed 2; added, 3,	"	22
Sunday School—Teachers, Scholars,		
Library—Number of Books,		100
Collections for Bishop's Fund and contingent expenses,		\$31 00
No Episcopal visitation has been held since last report.		

## ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GREENE COUNTY.

Baptisms—Whites,	3
Communicants,	8
Communion—Number of times administered,	3
Collections for Bishop's Fund and contingent expenses,	\$46 00

It is feared that circumstances will prevent this Parish from becoming a large one; but it is believed that the Church is becoming much less misunderstood than formerly. The Rector bears cheerful testimony to the kindness, liberality and zeal of those who compose the Parish.

**ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS CO.—R. A. CORRY, Minister.**

Baptisms—White, Infants, 1 . . . . . 2  
 Communicants—White, added, 2; removed 2; colored, 4; total, . . . 12  
 Communion administered twice. Divine Service celebrated on twenty-two occasions.

The records of this Church show but little change in its condition since last Convention, save the loss by removal of two of its most valued members. Its present Minister arrived about the last of November and commenced officiating on the first Sunday in Advent, 1847. Since that time service has been held regularly once, and generally twice, every Sunday; in the forenoon for the white, and the afternoon for the colored congregation. The attendance on our services has been small, but regular.

There is no Sunday School—but instead thereof, the children are publicly catechised once a month by the Minister. Our obligations are due to the Rev. Mr. Murdaugh for administering the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

I have hardly been long enough on the ground to express a decided opinion as to the future prospects of this Parish—but feel encouraged to believe that a brighter day is yet in store for it.

**JACKSONVILLE, BENTON CO.—D. D. FLOWER, Minister.**

I entered upon my duties at this place on the 25th October last; since which time the service has been performed regularly every Lord's day, (except one) morning and evening; and since the second Sunday in Advent, a third service has been celebrated for the colored. Also, on Friday night—and from St. Andrew's day to the Purification, on all holy days, according to the calendar.

I have admitted into the Church by Baptism, 2 infants (white.) Said the Burial service over 3, (not members of the Church.) Number of Communicants is 4 (white.) Catechetical class, white 21; colored, between 30 and 40. Divine service, number of times celebrated, 62.

I feel confident that the Church can be established in this place by perseverance. "In quietness and confidence is our strength." She has no strong prejudices, if any, to contend against; the services are generally well attended and an anxiety exhibited on the part of some of knowing what the Church is. Could we obtain from our more favored brethren about \$600 towards a church edifice, it would do much towards establishing the Church, not only in Jacksonville, but in the course of a few years, in other places in this part of the Diocese. But we must have aid from abroad; the main burden of sustaining the services, rests now upon a few, but very devoted members. We are anxious of forming a Parish and building a Church so soon as we can do so without being encumbered with debt.

**CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—N. P. KNAPP, Rector.**

Baptisms—White, adult 6; Infants, 28,	34
Confirmations,	5
Marriages—Whites, 3; colored, 1,	4
Burials,	13
Communicants—White, added 9; died 2; removed 4; present number	169
Colored 5,	Total, 174
Sunday School—Teachers, 25; Scholars, 120,	145
Sunday School Library—Number of volumes,	900
Communion usually administered monthly.	
Offerings—so far as known,	\$132 00

This is as full and distinct a report as the records will enable me to make. The official acts are those of my lamented predecessor, except two marriages and two burials, at which I officiated.

Since the decease of the Rev. F. P. Lee, whose faithfulness will, I trust, long be remembered, the Parish has been dependent upon the occasional services, some of which have been very generously tendered, of different Ministers, until the first Sunday of this month, when the present Rector commenced his labors.

The Holy Communion has been once administered by him, and besides the usual services on Sunday, morning and night, he has held a service on Friday

nights, and said Prayers on Wednesday mornings. He has not yet had time to learn the general condition of the Parish by personal inspection.

NATH. P. KNAPP.

February 24th, 1848.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—N. P. KNAPP, late Rector.**

Baptisms—White Infants,	4
Confirmations—none.	
Marriages—Whites, 1; colored 1,	2
Deaths—Whites,	4
Communicants—Whites, added 1; colored, 3; total,	59
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Pupils, 35,	43
“ “ Library—Number of volumes,	50
Parish Library—Number of volumes,	100
Communion Administered 6 times.	
Offerings at Communion,	\$ 40 00
Collections for Domestic Missions,	46 00
Assessment for Bishop's Salary,	200 00
Divine Service celebrated 60 times.	

The late Rector of this Parish was absent from the first of August to the first of November, and resigned his charge on the last of January. His report consequently embraces only six months of labor since the last Convention. During that time the condition of the Parish differed very little from that of the previous year. He regrets that the vacancy caused by his transfer to Christ Church, Mobile has not yet been filled.

NATH P. KNAPP.

February 24th, 1846.

**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—H. C. LAY, Rector.**

Baptisms—White adult, 1; infants, 4; total,	5
Confirmations—2. Marriages—1. Deaths—4.	
Communicants—added 6; present number,	22
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40; total,	46
Library—Number of volumes,	109
Communion administered 9 times.	
Offerings at Communion,	\$51 45
Collections for paying off Church debt, current expenses, Bishop's Fund, purchase of Church Plate, Vestments, Chancel Furniture, and other objects, about	\$2,500 00
Number of services since June 10th,	100

The undersigned entered upon the duties of this Parish on the 10th of June, 1847. Since that time the congregation have commenced using the Church edifice heretofore reported as in progress. The missionary appropriation having been surrendered by the Vestry, this congregation is now self-supporting.

The amount of contributions reported above, when compared with the paucity of our numbers, shows that great efforts have been made to relieve the church of its embarrassments. Notwithstanding, a debt of \$1000 still hangs over us.

On the last Sunday evening in every month the children have been specially addressed in a sermon, and publicly catechised.

A numerous and attentive congregation of servants have been assembled every Sunday night.

The undersigned has officiated on eight occasions at different points in the neighborhood of Huntsville, and has found the services well appreciated. He regrets that his own parochial duties do not allow him to cultivate this very promising missionary ground.

In conclusion, the undersigned has to express his great indebtedness to the Rev. J. M. Robertson for frequent aid, most cheerfully rendered—more especially for regular assistance in the service, and for supplying the pulpit in the absence of the Rector. It is hoped, in conjunction with Mr. R., to establish services at some points in the neighboring country.

HENRY C. LAY.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE,—Missionary, F. B. LEE.**

Baptisms—White adults, 1; infants, 3; colored adults, 1; infants, 1,	6
Marriages—none. Confirmations—none.	
Deaths—Whites, 3; colored, none.	
Communicants—White added, 1; died, 2; colored removed, 2; total No. 31	
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 20; total,	26
Library Books, about 30 volumes.	
Communion administered on 8 occasions.	
“ Offerings,	\$32 10
Collections for Missions,	15 50
“ Widow and Orphans' Society of Clergymen,	5 80
Divine Service, 72 times—Sermons 71.	

*Remarks.*—The general condition of the Parish is but little changed since the last report. We have, however, to mourn the loss of a very prominent member in the recent death of Mr. Lawrence E. Dawson.

A special interest attaches to the removal of this brother, in the estimation of the Rector; for the circumstance of his having been the first male communicant of his church, (which had existed several years without one,) and moreover contributing in effect, (as he believes) to recommend the profession of religion and the claims of the church to the consideration and adoption of others; by the influence of his example; his general force of character; his own ardent attachment and a zealous and enlightened advocacy of our privileges and principles. A short time before his death, he congratulated himself that his lot as a christian had fallen within the pale of our holy communion. And, in his last hours, professed an humble and hopeful reliance on Christ his Savior. He has passed, as we trust, through death unto life.

MOBILE, February 26th, 1848.

*Right Rev. and dear Sir:*—By the Canons of the General Convention, it is required of every clergyman, who is not regularly settled in a parish, to report to his bishop, at “every annual convention,” “the occasional services he may have performed, and if he has performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.” By long and incurable sickness, I have been, for the last two years, deprived of the exalted privilege of preaching the ever-blessed gospel, and during the last year especially, I have not only been unable to engage in any public services whatever, but not even to attend upon them, except in a very few instances. My life, indeed, has been most wonderfully preserved; already twelve months longer than I had any good reason to expect; but preserved, I trust, for some wise purpose, inscrutable to us. In private, for the special gratification of friends, I have united in matrimony one couple in Vermont, and baptized one infant in Massachusetts; and since my return to Mobile, have united in matrimony four couples, and baptized six infants. These are all the ministerial acts which I have performed; and as, in all human probability, this will be my last official communication to you, so I trust, that a few remarks upon my views of “gospel truth and order,” (suggested at your own request) may not be unacceptable on the present occasion. I am now, Rt. Rev. Sir, standing, as it were, on the confines of two worlds, and as I look forward to the future, and backward in review of my past ministerial life, I cannot but rejoice in those heart-cheering, life-giving truths or doctrines, which, when in health, it was my delight publicly to proclaim, and for the preaching of which “most chiefly” I do not now regret. For, although, I do not, by any means, lightly esteem what is called “the discipline of the church,” i. e. her external organization, her rites and ceremonies, her sacraments and ordinances; yet, in preaching, they should be made to keep their subordinate position,—subordinate to the cardinal and fundamental doctrine of salvation by Christ alone. The mission of Jesus Christ into our world was “to save sinners,” and which He mainly accomplished by his own death and resurrection. Hence, the burden of the Apostles’ preaching was, “Christ and Him crucified,”—Christ and the resurrection. And, for the purpose of making Himself thus known, as the Saviour of the world, and to “gather into one” all who should believe in His name. He established a church, organized a ministry, and ordained sacraments and ordinances, which were to be perpetuated to the end of the world, as means to an end, namely, salvation for all who would place their en-

trust in Him. While, therefore, we teach that both doctrine and discipline are to revolve around Him, as the great and only centre of attraction to "lost men," and instruct them to look unto Jesus, as Moses did the Israelites to the brazen serpent, we may confidently believe that the Holy Spirit will accompany our instructions to the saving of the soul. But when, as it is to be feared, it is and has been too frequently the case, that the Church is exhibited rather than Christ as the source and reservoir of salvation, and her sacraments and ordinances unduly exalted into the room and place of faith alone in his blood,—a faith engendered through the direct and continued agency of the Holy Ghost; then, I say, it is to be feared that the souls of men may perish everlastingly. O, Sir, as there is nothing which can save the soul but "the blood of Jesus," so there is no kind of preaching which so deeply interests the depraved and deceitful heart, and "pricks" the conscience of the most hardened Infidel, as the simple story of the sufferings and death of the Son of God for a self-ruined and guilty world; especially, when told by one who has experienced in his own bosom, their converting efficacy and renewing power. Let the Church, then, be maintained in her complete integrity, her divinely-instituted ordinances and sacraments set forth and exhibited in their full proportions, and proper place, her canons and rubrics regularly observed; but, let them not be *strictly* followed, in part or in whole, for the faith of Christ, or "Justification by faith alone" in Him for salvation,—and that, too, a faith which has been begotten and sustained by the Spirit of Christ. For, "we are saved by faith alone, and not by works"—any work,—in any sense, as the procuring cause. But, as the only sufficient and adequate evidence of the existence of such a faith, let "good works" be constantly enjoined, as *absolutely* necessary, and multiplied and maintained to any extent,—for the Commandment is, "Be ye perfect, even as God is perfect." If, then, to a word, all who are "Ambassadors for Christ" would refrain, in their preaching, from "the enticing words of men's wisdom," and avoid all undue exaltation of the mere externals of our holy religion, and of our beloved Church, and set forth primarily, and chiefly, the demonstration of the Spirit, and with power," the "old-fashioned" doctrines of our early Reformers, and Bible-Martyns, our Church would arise, at once, from the dust of her present humiliation, and shine, with a true light, throughout the length and breadth of the land; and all men, wherever the Gospel is thus proclaimed, would seize "the skirts" of her ministers, and say, "we will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."

And here, permit me humbly to bear my dying testimony to the truth and power of the Gospel, as sufficient to sustain the sinner in protracted sickness and pain, and in view of a speedy departure to the World of Spirits, from whence no one has ever yet returned to disclose to us the awful secrets of Eternity. I do humbly "rejoice in hope of the glory of God," through faith alone in the atoning merits of our blessed Redeemer. And while I may, I trust, and do bless God for having permitted me, through his grace, to work many years in His vineyard; still, this and all other "works" for the saving of my soul, appear to me now, more than ever, as "filthy rags;" and yet, I may also, I trust, and do bless God for having inspired me with the desire, and given me the ability, to "do what I could," for His praise, and to His glory. To these already extended remarks, I will only add, that the mysterious "power of the Cross is to be learned under the Cross." Most true have I found this declaration of the sainted Bishop Wilson to be, in my own case, and with my whole heart and soul do I feel to thank God, that in all the troubles, trials, and afflictions, of which I have been called to partake, I have been enabled, through grace, ever cheerfully to resign my will to that of our once crucified, but now exalted Saviour, and to know that "all things work together for good" to those who are "looking unto Jesus," and to whom, also, belong "all things," whether "present, or to come." And most unwaveringly do I believe, that He, by whose grace "I am what I am," is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him, and to bring me, at last, in safety, to that "land of pure delight, where saints immortal reign."

Truly, your sincere and affectionate friend,

SAM'L S. LEWIS.

To the Rt. Rev. N. H. COMBS, D. D.

Bishop of the Diocese of Ala

The above communication is a friendly expression of the views of the writer

on important subjects, rather than a formal report: yet, as the remarks are so just—and as they come from a Presbyter—who has worn out his life in the service of the Church—and who is greatly esteemed and beloved and honored as the Father of the Church in Alabama—the Bishop fully concurring in the views expressed—has requested the Secretary to publish them entire in the Journal.

N. H. C.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—J. H. LINEBAUGH, Rector.**

Baptisms—adults, 2; infants, 2,	- - - - -	4
Marriages—White, 3; colored 1,	- - - - -	4
Communicants—Added, 1; died, 1; removed, 3; present number,	- - - - -	21
Burials,	- - - - -	4
Sunday School—Scholars, 10; Teachers, 2,	- - - - -	12
Communion—Number of times administered,	- - - - -	8

Not having had a Visitation from the Bishop, there are no confirmations reported. There is nothing to mark any change in the condition of this Parish. It remains at what it was at the last Convention. The debt of the church has been cancelled, and the edifice tastefully finished. The church has been finished as nearly in accordance with its original design as practicable. On the 1st of April, in obedience to a pledge given to the Board of Missions a year ago, this ceases to be a missionary station. The Missionary, in his correspondence with the Secretary of the Board, promised to relieve the Board of Missions of further charges on account of this Parish whenever the debt of the church should be cancelled and the church finished. Both having been done, this ceases to be a missionary station on the 1st of April. The Parish thereafter will be self-supporting. The church acknowledges the receipt of a set of sash weights, a donation from Mr. William Alderson, of Mobile, worth \$50.

The Church, through its Rector, reports a bequest from Mr. B. Smith, a wealthy and worthy gentleman, who died in the vicinity of Selma, in the communion of the Church, on the 20th of June, of near three hundred dollars. The Rector also acknowledges a similar bequest to himself.

**ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHAWBA.—J. H. LINEBAUGH, Minister.**

Communicants—added by removal, 3—4, 7. Marriages, 1. Communion administered 3 times. Divine Service celebrated 18 times. Baptisms, none.

No confirmations are reported, because of no visitation. The church remains at what it was a year ago, and nothing need be added to the report of last year.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'—J. S. MANSURY, Rector.**

Baptisms—white adult, 1; infants, 9. Total,	- - - - -	10
Confirmations—white,	- - - - -	6
Communicants—white—added, 7; ordained to the ministry, 1; withdrawn, 1. Total,	- - - - -	40
Funerals—white infants,	- - - - -	2
Collections—to Domestic Missions, \$25; Foreign Missions, \$27; Diocesan Missions, \$20. Total Miss. Collections,	- - - - -	\$72
Repairs of the Church,	- - - - -	\$200
Bishop's Fund,	- - - - -	\$150
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 32.	- - - - -	

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON—J. A. MASSEY, Rector.**

Baptisms—white adults, 3; infants, 8; colored adults, 3; infants, 20. Total,	- - - - -	34
Confirmations—white, 4; colored, 6. Total,	- - - - -	10
Marriages—white, 3; colored, 1. Total,	- - - - -	4
Deaths—white, 4; colored, 1. Total,	- - - - -	5
Communicants—died, 1; removed, 2; added, 14; present number,	- - - - -	48

The Rector desires, in presenting his report, to record his thankful sense of God's goodness during the past year, to his parishioners and himself in things temporal

and spiritual. His own life was in mercy saved from expected death during the great mortality with which the Parish was visited in the past summer, and but few of his flock were taken away. God has also given to us increased spiritual prosperity. The influence of the gospel in the Church is evidently extending in the county. The Rector has officiated at four points out of the Parish, and has visited repeatedly and promised services at three other, and has been much encouraged in all his visits by inviting fields for the Church. He thinks that at least three ministers, instead of one, could find a large field and much encouragement in Sumter county.

#### REPORT OF TRINITY CHURCH—MOBILE.

The late Rector reports the following duties as performed by him, up to the 1st day of November last, at which time he resigned the charge of the congregation, viz:

Baptisms—infants, - - - - -	6
Marriages, - - - - -	3
Funerals, - - - - -	12
Communicants—added, - - - - -	2
Number of communicants on register at the period of his resignation (one since deceased,) - - - - -	53

#### UNION PARISH, MARENGO & PERRY COUNTIES.

EDMUND C. MURDAUGH, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 3; colored, adult, 1; infants, 5. Total, -	9
Confirmation, - - - - -	0
Marriages—white, 1; colored, 1. Total, -	2
Communicants—white, added, 3; removed, 1; present number, -	22
colored, added, 2; present number, -	12

Catechumens—white, 17; about 175 colored.

Collection at St. Michael's Chapel for Diocesan Missionary Society, \$40.35.

The Minister is happy in reporting that the Church edifice at Union Town is so far finished as to be now in use. The means required to pay for the work already done, will probably be collected within the Parish. It is hoped that in a few weeks the building will be ready for consecration.

#### COLUMBUS, Miss. FEB. 22, 1849.

RT. REV. & DEAR SIR:—Though no longer a resident of Alabama, I am still under your canonical jurisdiction. It is therefore my duty to present to you a report of my ministerial services since the last meeting of the Convention.

As Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, I performed all the duties pertaining to that station up to the period of my resignation, about the middle of September last. At that time I removed to this place, with the view of taking charge of the "Columbus Female Institute," which was opened for the first time on the 4th of October last, and now (before the close of the 1st Session) numbers 110 pupils.

Though my time is too constantly occupied with my duties as a teacher to permit of my taking regular charge of any congregation, yet I have not abandoned my ministerial profession. Since I came to this place I have preached 12 times, administered the communion 4 times and baptized one infant, besides assisting the Rector of the Church in this place in other ways, on numerous occasions.

It would afford me great pleasure to meet with you and the brethren of the Convention during your present sessions, but the duties of the station which I occupy here require my constant attendance.

That the blessing of Heaven may rest upon your labors, and that the cause of the Redeemer may prosper in your hands, is my prayer for Christ's sake.

Yours in the bonds of a common faith,

ARISTIDES S. SMITH.

RT. REV. N. H. COBBS, D. D.  
Mobile.

### ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, MARION—W. A. STANLEY, Minister.

Baptisms—infant, white, . . . . . 1  
Communicants, . . . . . 7

I entered upon the duties of this parish on the 3d Sunday in Advent, and have performed the regular services of the Church twice on each Lord's day since, inclusive of one service on Christmas day.

Thus far Divine service has been celebrated in the Court House, but a comfortable room has been fitted up for use; and there is cheering hope that we may have a Church edifice erected before a great while—a subscription now being under way and accompanied with unexpected success, as far as I have heard from it.

The parish seems to have been organized about ten years ago, but I can find no further account of its doings on record. I have not thought it best to re-organize until time may alter things.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.

Services have been performed on two Sundays of each month, with few exceptions. On the same days, in the afternoon, to the negroes, at the Church, or at the residence of Col. R. P. McCord. The Church is still unfinished. I have been preaching to the negroes on the plantation of Mr. John P. Brown, since the 1st. of June last, on every Wednesday night, with few exceptions. They are very regular and attentive, notwithstanding their labor of the day.

I have continued to officiate at Trinity Church, Dallas County, on one Sunday of each month, when the weather or the want of a house did not prevent. They are not able at present to build a Church. The prospect is about the same as at last report. I have since November last officiated twice on one Sunday in the month in Autauga County, seven miles from Vernon. A Sunday School has been in operation four months, and superintended by a lady, a communicant of the Church: number of pupils, 16; teachers, 4; volumes, about 66, which with 2 doz. small prayer books were presented me through Mess. Stanford & Swords, New York. The other statistics of this place with Trinity Church are embraced in those of St. Peter's.

Number of families in the three places, . . . . .	16
Baptisms—infants, . . . . .	7
Communicants—blacks, added, 1; removed, 3. Total, . . . . .	17
Marriages, . . . . .	2
Bishop's assessment. Paid, . . . . .	\$25

### CHRIST CHURCH—HAYNEVILLE.

Up to October last, I have continued to officiate here every second Sunday and Tuesday night after 4th do. with few exceptions. Since that, on Tuesday night after 2d and 4th do, and on the 3d do. when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. The prospect is gloomy. Three vestrymen have removed, and there are none to take their place or bear the expenses of the Church.

At Lowndesboro', services on Monday night after the 2d and 4th Sundays, with few exceptions. The friends of the Church here are very few. The statistics of this place are embraced with those of Hayneville.

Number of families, . . . . .	6
Communicants—removed, 4, . . . . .	8

W. J. ZIMMER.

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.

Baptisms, . . . . .	none.
Confirmations, . . . . .	none.
Marriages, . . . . .	none.
Deaths—white, 1; colored, none. Total, . . . . .	1
Communicants—white, 15; added, none; died, none; removed, 2; withdrawn, 2, . . . . .	15

H. A. TAYLOE, Junior Warden.



**The Rev. Mr. Linebaugh presented the following Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, which was read and accepted:**

**The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:**

**At a meeting held in the Vestry Room of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, on the 9th May, 1847, the testimonials of Thomas A. Morris, of Montgomery, were signed, recommending him as a candidate for Holy Orders.**

**At a meeting held in Carlisle at the residence of F. B. Lee, on the 29th June, W. A. Stickney was recommended for Deacon's Orders, testimonials being duly signed by a majority of the Committee.**

**At an adjourned meeting of the Committee on the 8th January, 1848, at the office of George Taylor, Montgomery, W. J. Zimmer was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders, and James H. Tirknor for Deacon's Orders, their testimonials being duly signed by a majority of the Committee.**

**Attest:**

**J. H. LINEBAUGH.**

**The Treasurer's Report was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

**The certificate of Lay Delegate from St. John's Church, Montgomery was presented and referred to the appropriate committee.**

**The Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates reported that Mr. A. Hegeman was entitled to a seat in this Convention as a Lay Delegate from St. John's Church, Montgomery, and his name being called, he appeared and took his seat.**

**The Convention then took a recess for Divine service.**

**Immediately after service the Convention was called to order.**

**The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Messrs. Garrow and Langhorne were appointed tellers. After balloting, the Rev. N. P. Knapp, the Rev. J. A. Massy and the Rev. J. H. Linebaugh of the Clergy, and Messrs. H. L. Alison, Thomas Lesesne and W. M. Garrow of the Laity, were declared duly elected.**

**The Rev. Mr. Zimmer from the Committee on Unfinished Business made the following Report, which was accepted:**

**The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they have examined the Journal of the last Convention, and find no matter claiming the attention of this Convention.**

**W. J. ZIMMER, Chairman.**

**The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention. Messrs. Langhorne and Garrow were appointed tellers. After balloting, the Rev. N. P. Knapp, the Rev. J. S. Marbury, the Rev. F. B. Lee and the Rev. J. H. Linebaugh of the Clergy, and Messrs. H. A. Tayloe, M. J. Conley, Turner Wilson and W. M. Garrow were declared duly elected.**

**The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.**

**SATURDAY MORNING, Feb. 26, 9 o'clock.**

**The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.**

After Prayers by the President, the Roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Bishop presented the report of the Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society report to the Convention that during the past year they have been enabled to employ only two Missionaries—the Rev. F. M. Baker, and the Rev. J. T. Smith—the one to labor in Demopolis and the other in Entw. The Rev. Mr. Smith remained but short time in Entw. and has removed to Mississippi. The Committee would gladly employ at least four more Missionaries if the same could be found. The present amount of funds in the hands of the Treasurer is \$722 05, as will appear from his account herewith submitted.

**N. H. COBBS, Chairman of the Committee.**

The Bishop then presented the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

**THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer,**  
In Account with **DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ALABAMA,**  
1846. **DR.**

<b>1894.</b>					
June..	6-	To Balance on hand, per Report,	\$423 20		
"	15-	Cash received of T. Leasene, Warden of Christ Church, Mobile, Collection,..... \$63 48			
		Less unpaid tickets on hand,..... 6 00	57 48		
Dec...	-	Cash received of Rev F. M. Baker, collected 29th Nov., 1846, Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....	10 63		
March 18-	"	Cash received of Bishop Cobbs, donation from Captain Randall, U. S. N.,.....	10 00		
April..	1-	Cash received of H. A Taylor, Esq. collection from St. Andrew's Parish, Rev. Mr. Hanson,.....	30 75		
June..	1-	Cash of Rev. F. P. Lee, Rector Christ Church, Mobile,....	100 00		
Aug... 5-	"	Cash " " " " " "	100 00		
		" Cash amount collected of a Layman, " " .....	100 00		
<b>1847. CR.</b>					
Feb..	5-By	Cash paid Bishop Cobb's order in favor Rev. F. M. Baker..	\$100 00		
Dec...	6-"	Cash " " " " " " D. D. Flower,,	30 00		
		" Balance in hands of Treasurer,.....	783 00		
<b>1848.</b>					
		Dollars,.....	892 06	892 06	
Feb..	24-To	Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	\$702 06		
"	26-	Cash collected from St. Paul's Ch, Greensboro', Rev. Mr. Marbury,..	90 00		
<b>E. E.</b>				<b>\$732 06</b>	
<b>THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.</b>					

**THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.**

**Both of which were read and accepted.**

On motion, the following gentlemen were elected members of the Diocesan Missionary Committee for the ensuing year:

**Rev. J. S. Marbury, Rev. E. C. Murdaugh, of the Clergy; E. W. Peck, H. A. Snow, of the Laity; and Thos. W. McCoy was re-elected Treasurer.**

**The Bishop retired and called the Rev. N. P. Knapp to the Chair.**

### Chairman of the Committee on Finance presented the following Report :

The Committee have examined the Treasurer's Accounts, and report them correct. Particulars will appear in the Journal. The Committee recommend that the assessment on the Parishes for the payment of the Bishop's Salary continue the same, and that all moneys arising from the collection during the present year be paid over to the Bishop. The assessment for Contingent expenses be reduced to that of 1846. The Committee desire to call the attention of the Convention to the state of the Fund, and suggest the propriety of requesting the Bishop to appoint different parts of the State to obtain subscriptions.

H. L. ALISON, Chairman.

#### ASSESSMENTS FOR 1848.

	Bishop's Assessment.	Contingent Expenses.
Parish, Mobile,.....	\$500 00	\$25 00
Parish, Tuscaloosa,.....	200 00	8 00
St. Church, Montgomery,.....	200 00	8 00
St. Church, Greensboro',.....	150 00	4 00
St. Church, Macon,.....	100 00	4 00
St. Church, Marengo and Perry counties,....	100 00	4 00
St. Church, Selma,.....	50 00	4 00
St. Church, in the Prairies,.....	30 00	4 00
St. Church, Livingston,.....	50 00	4 00
St. Church, the Nativity, Huntsville,.....	50 00	4 00
St. Church, Lowndes,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Carlisle,.....	50 00	4 00
St. Church, Lafayette,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Tuscumbia,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Florence,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Cahawba,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Dallas county,.....	50 00	4 00
St. Church, Demopolis,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Hayneville,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, in the Wilderness,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Eufaula,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Wetumpka,.....	20 00	4 00
St. Church, Eutaw,.....	40 00	4 00
St. Church, Mobile,.....	50 00	4 00
St. Church, Dallas county,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Greene county,.....	40 00	4 00
	<b>\$1930 00</b>	<b>\$113 00</b>

Following Parishes still owe their Assessments for 1846 :

St. Church, Selma,.....	\$ 50 00	\$
St. Church, in the Prairies,.....	30 00	4 00
St. Church, Lafayette,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Tuscumbia,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Florence,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Cahawba,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Demopolis,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Hayneville,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, in the Wilderness,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Eufaula,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Wetumpka,.....	20 00	4 00
St. Church, Dallas county,.....	25 00	4 00
St. Church, Greene county,.....	40 00	4 00

**TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.**

### CONTINGENT FUNDS

1. Account with Treasurer, H. A. TAYLOR,  
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May..	6	By St. Paul's Church, S. Iowa, assessment 1848.	9 4 00
"	8	Christ Church, T. Iowa.	12 00
"	8	St. Paul's Church, Iowa.	6 00
"	8	Trinity Church, Dubuque.	6 00
"	8	St. James Church, Dubuque.	6 00
"	8	St. John's Church, Dubuque.	12 00
"	8	St. Peter's Church, Lowry's County.	6 00
"	8	Christ Church, P. Va. Mills.	6 00
"	8	St. Paul's Church, Selma.	6 00
"	8	St. Paul's Church, Cold Springs.	6 00
"	8	Church of The Nativity, Hot Springs.	6 00
"	8	St. David's Church, Dallas County.	6 00
"	8	St. Andrew's Church, Macon.	6 00
"	8	Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Counties.	6 00
"	8	St. Stephen's Church, Eufaula.	6 00
"	8	Trinity Church, Mobile.	6 00
"	8	St. Mark's Church, Greene County.	6 00
June..	20	Christ Church, Mobile.	27 50
"	19	St. John's Church, in the Wilderness.	10 00
"	30	Trinity Church, Florence.	6 00
"	30	St. John's Church, Tusculum.	6 00
1847.		Dr.	\$ 171 00
May..	—	To Balance.	9 2 75
June..	16	paid J. W. Warren for printing Journals & Bishop's sermons.	120 00
"	"	paid M. D. J. Blade for advertising.	3 00
"	"	paid D. S. Harvey for advertising.	3 00
"	16	paid Freight on Journals.	20
Oct..	19	General Convention Quota.	19 00

The following Parishes still owe the Assessments for 1846 and 1847—viz :

St. John's Church, in the Prairies, .....	\$10	St. James' Church, Eufaula, .....	\$20
Trinity Church, Lafayette, .....	10	Christ Church, Wetumpka, .....	10
St. John's Church, Tusculumbia, .....	4	Christ Church, Hayneville, .....	4
Trinity Church, Florence, .....	4	St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, .....	0

**BISHOP'S FUND.**

By Account with Treasurer, H. A. TAYLOR,  
Ch.

[illegible]

St. John's Church, 1100 Broadway, N. Y. City	\$300
Trinity Church, 1100 Broadway, N. Y. City	\$100
Christ Church, 1100 Broadway, N. Y. City	\$50
St. James' Church, 1100 Broadway, N. Y. City	\$50
St. Paul's Church, 1100 Broadway, N. Y. City	\$50
St. Peter's Church, 1100 Broadway, N. Y. City	\$50

Which report was accepted.

The Bishop then resumed the Chair.

**The Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund was then presented.**

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund beg leave to report that the fund has not materially changed since the last report made to the Convention in 1846. One of the notes given on the sale of the land in Baldwin county was paid about the beginning of last June, and was, with the other money, immediately loaned out at 8 per cent interest, secured by note with good security. None of the old subscriptions, made many years since, have been paid, and we have no assurances that they will be. The Trustees regret to say, that but one donation has been made since the act of incorporation.

E. W. PECK, Chairman.

February 25th, 1848.

And accepted.

Messrs. E. W. Peck, Isaac Croom and Henry A. Tayloe were nominated and elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

The Convention then took a recess for Divine service.

Immediately after Divine service the Convention was called to order, and the Bishop read his Annual Address.

In presenting to the Convention an account of my services performed since our last annual meeting. I shall be necessarily confined to a very brief statement. A large portion of the last Summer and Fall I was absent on a visit to Virginia and an attendance upon the duties of the General Convention in New York.—Since my return my health has been so delicate and precarious as to prevent me from much travelling during the winter: and as the Convention meets at so early a date in the present year I am of course unable to make any report of my Spring visitation. As however, by the mercy of God, my health is greatly improved—it is my purpose very shortly after the adjournment of the Convention to visit every Parish of the Diocese.

May 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th. 1847 —Attended the Annual Convention of the Diocese in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. A goodly number of the clergy and laity were present on the occasion. A most delightful spirit prevailed throughout the entire services—and all the friends of the Church were greatly encouraged. I humbly pray that this and every succeeding Convention may be marked by the same christian spirit;—and that our meeting together on these occasions may ever be the means of uniting us more closely together in the bonds of affection, and of stimulating us to increased diligence and zeal in our Master's work.

May 12th.—Ordained to the Holy order of Deacon, Horace L. E. Pratt, in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. The candidate was presented by the Rev. A. S. Smith and the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. S. Marbury.

May 16th —Visited Eutaw. Preached twice—baptized two adults and one infant, and confirmed three persons.

May 26th.—Preached again at Eutaw, at night, and baptized two adults.

May 27th.—Preached at Bethlehem Meeting House, in the Fork of Greene, and confirmed one person.

May 29th and 30th —Visited Livingston. Preached several times, and confirmed four white and six colored persons.

May 31st.—Preached in Sumterville. In this village there is a prospect for doing much good, if the services of the Church could be frequently and regularly performed.

June 1st —Preached in Demopolis, with the expectation of administering the rite of confirmation:—but a shower of rain prevented the attendance of most of the congregation.

June 15th and 16th.—Visited Huntville. Preached several times—baptized one adult and confirmed two persons. The prospects of the Parish in this Town are very favorable at present. I found that their newly appointed minister, the Rev. Mr. Lay, had just entered on his labors with flattering prospects of usefulness.

June 18th, 19th and 20th.—Visited Florence and Tuscumbia. Preached a number of times—baptized one adult and five children, and confirmed two persons.

These two important stations, which I am pained to say are still vacant, present an interesting field of labor to an active, faithful minister.

June 26th.—At the request of Bishop Oley, I visited Aberdeen, Mississippi.—Preached twice—baptized one infant and confirmed two persons.

June 28th.—Visited Columbus, Mississippi. Preached twice—baptized two adults and five infants, confirmed six persons, and administered the communion. I hardly know a more interesting and inviting field of labor than is presented in this most pleasant Town, and have seldom met with a congregation in which a faithful clergyman would find a people more kind, and attentive, and affectionate.

July 5th.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and confirmed four persons.

From this time I was absent from the State till the second Sunday in November. During that period I visited my former parishes in Petersburg, and in Bedford County, Virginia. Preached on various occasions and baptized a number of children. The cordial and affectionate welcome with which I was every where greeted by those kind people with whom I had spent my childhood and youth, and the better portion of my manhood, and who for years had attended upon my ministry, could not but be grateful to my feelings, and often brought to the eye the tear of gratitude, and called from the heart a prayer for the blessing of Heaven to rest upon those whose sensibilities and sympathies had not been blunted by time nor distance. Whilst in Virginia I visited Alexandria, and at the request of Bishop Meade preached on the occasion of the ordination of the Graduating Class from the Theological Seminary near that Town. It may well be supposed that it was an occasion of peculiar interest to me, from the fact that my own son was among the number of those that were ordained.

Nov. 14th.—Returned to Tuscaloosa, and except being absent on two occasions have officiated in Christ Church in that Town from the time of my return to the present period.

Dec. 5th.—Visited Greensborough, and admitted Wm. A. Stickney to the order of Deacons. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Linebaugh, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Marbury. In the afternoon of the same day I preached, and confirmed six persons.

3rd and 4th Sundays in January, 1848.—Spent these two Sundays in Mobile. During this visit I preached a number of times—administered the communion, and confirmed five persons.

2nd Sunday in February.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and confirmed three persons.

There have been many changes amongst the clergy during the past year.—These changes have greatly pained me; inasmuch as I have thereby lost valuable ministers, to whom I was strongly attached, and whose places I full well know it will be difficult to supply. If these frequent changes be injurious to old and established Churches, how destructive must be their effect upon young and feeble parishes just struggling into existence. The Rev. A. S. Smith has transferred his valuable Female Academy to Columbus, Mississippi, where, I am gratified to learn, he has met with the most flattering patronage. The Rev. J. B. Smith has relinquished his Missionary station at Eutaw, and is now officiating in the neighborhood of Aberdeen, Miss. The Rev. B. M. Miller has resigned the charge of Trinity Parish, Mobile, and accepted a call to the Church in Columbus. The zeal with which he labored under the discouragements frequently attendant upon the formation of a new parish, and the christian and devoted spirit with which he discharged his ministerial duties during the prevalence of the yellow fever last Summer in this city, will I am sure be long remembered by many in Mobile.—The Parish of Trinity being now duly organized and admitted into union with the Convention, will doubtless become in time a flourishing and important one. The Rev. F. R. Hanson has relinquished St. Andrews Parish, Marengo County, and for the present is residing in Maryland. The Rev. C. Allen has been transferred by dismissory letters to Maryland. The Rev. N. P. Knapp has resigned the Church in Montgomery, and accepted a call to Christ Church, Mobile. The Rev. H. C. Lay has been received into the Diocese from Virginia, and the Rev. J. D. Flower from western New York. The Rev. R. A. Cobbs and the Rev. J. A. Stickney have been admitted to the order of Deacons. The Rev. J. M. Robertson has been canonically transferred from North Carolina to this State. The Rev. H. L. E. Pratt has been ordained Deacon, and is now officiating in New York. Among other changes, it becomes my melancholy duty to mention

the death of Rev. F. P. Lee, late Rector of Christ Church, Mobile. Although he had been but a short time in charge of the Parish, yet by his kind, obliging and dignified manners—by his prompt, vigilant and unwearied attention to his pastoral duties—and by his able, eloquent and interesting discourses from the Pulpit—he had gained the confidence and affection of the whole congregation, and was followed to the grave by a sorrow as deep, and heartfelt, and universal, as it was justly merited. Cut off in the vigor of his age—in the midst of such bright prospects for usefulness—his death may well be regarded as a loss, not only to the congregation in which he ministered, but to the whole Diocese, of which he promised to be a most conspicuous and influential minister. With the true spirit of a Minister of the Gospel, he firmly remained at his post during the prevalence of the yellow fever in this city, and fell a victim to that disease whilst faithfully discharging the duties of his office. May this sad affliction be overruled for good, and may the Father of mercies take under his special care and keeping the widow and children of our departed brother.

I would call the attention of the Convention to the importance of appointing a committee to be called the Bible-Prayer Book and Tract Committee of the Diocese of Alabama. It should be made the duty of the Committee to obtain and keep on hand a supply of Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts for the purpose of sale and distribution, and to receive and to apply according to directions any sums that might be entrusted to its care. The members of the Church could in this way bear their part in the great duty of circulating the Scriptures and religious publications, without departing from the principles or interfering with the scruples of the most rigid churchman. It should also be required of this committee to make to the Convention an annual report of all its proceedings. The measure here recommended is of such obvious importance as to render it unnecessary in me to do any thing more to insure its adoption than merely to make the suggestion.

I would also bring to the notice of the Convention the claims of the Society for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen. This Society having already enlisted the sympathies of several of the laity, will, I trust, ultimately become an agent of much good to the Diocese. An important point has already been gained in the commencement of a Fund which by gradual accumulation will ere long be available to the end which it was designed to promote.

The number of candidates for Orders in the Diocese is seven. Of this number one will probably be ordained in the course of a few weeks. My opinion as to the importance of establishing an Episcopal School, as the means of raising up ministers for the permanent supply of the Diocese, is the same that I have expressed on former occasions of the meetings of our convention.

In reference to the late General Convention—the proceedings of which you have doubtless read in the papers of the day—I would simply remark that whatever may be thought of the results of its action, yet it is a just cause of congratulation that its deliberations were marked by so much courtesy and propriety of manner. Whilst important and inciting subjects were freely and earnestly debated there was hardly any violation of a Christian spirit and temper. Although for years there have been in the Church many painful and conflicting discussions; although distrust and suspicion have prevailed to a melancholy degree, and brethren have thought, and spoken, and written of each other in a spirit of censure and condemnation bordering upon unkindness and bitterness; yet after an extensive intercourse with the members of the Church I fondly cling to the belief that there is far more uniformity in doctrine than might be inferred from many of the publications that frequently appear. True it is that there is diversity of opinion—but it is not so much because fundamental errors are held and taught, but because of the giving of an undue prominence to some particular doctrines which some men, from education, position or association, consider of peculiar importance,—and who thus, whilst they do not deny, yet undervalue or partially represent other doctrines of equal obligation. There may be those who entertain low and defective views of the Church, her Ministry, and her Sacraments,—but this class is constantly becoming more and more decided and conservative in their principles and their practices. There may be those who are ultra in their views; who attach a superstitious and semi-papistical value to ordinances;—who indulge in much affectation and cant about primitive Catholicity;—who, though often times but novices in the Church, take upon themselves to be wiser expounders

of the articles and offices than the aged, learned and godly men who framed the Prayer Book:—yet this class of men, holding views so grossly inconsistent with the standards of the Church, and being so extremely ridiculous by their pharisaical and sanctimonious observances of various little peculiarities, will either gradually be rebuked and restrained by the good common sense and the sound evangelical piety of the Church, or in extreme cases will ultimately pass over to a more corrupt and congenial communion. I would again repeat it as my firm belief that the great body of the Church is sound—not only in regard to the doctrines taught in the Offices of the Prayer Book, but to those great fundamental truths embodied in the Articles and Homilies. And now it would seem that what is mostly needed to restore peace and quiet to an agitated and troubled Church is that each one should scrupulously confine himself to his own sphere of duty:—should diligently labor in that sphere for the salvation of souls and the glory of God; that in judging of others he should remember that he himself is not infallible, and that he will far more likely reclaim an erring brother by kind exhortations and charitable constructions, than by bitter invectives and public denunciation.

N. H. COBBS.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of two clergymen and three laymen be appointed, agreeably to the Bishop's suggestion in his address, to be called—The Bible, Prayer Book, and Tract Sunday School Committee, and the Rectors of Christ Church and Trinity Church, Mobile, be the clerical members thereof, and that the Bishop be ex-officio President of the same.

Messrs. Thomas Lesesne, Emanuel Jones and D. McNeil were elected lay members of the above Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire into the necessity and propriety of any legislation by this Diocese on the subject of Lay discipline, and if they deem any such legislation necessary, that they be instructed to report suitable Canons on the subject.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Mobile for their hospitality extended to its members.

The Committee on Canons asked leave to report at the next session of the Convention, which was granted.

The resolution of St. Paul's Church, Selma, was taken from the table, and on motion, *Resolved*, That the said invitation be accepted, and when the Convention adjourns, it adjourns to meet in St. Paul's Church, Selma, on the 1st Thursday in May, 1849.

The society for the relief of disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, petitioned to be merged into the Convention, and the officers be elected by the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the petition be granted. The Rev. F. B. Lee, the Rev. N. P. Knapp, and Messrs. H. L. Alison, John Ellerbee and John Simpson were elected members of the Standing Committee of said Society.

It is ordered, that the Bishop be ex-officio Chairman of the Standing Committee of said Society.

It is ordered, that the Treasurer of the Convention be the Treasurer of said Society.



The Committee on the State of the Church made the following report:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.**

The undersigned, members of the above Committee, respectfully Report—That they have performed the duty assigned them, as far as the limited and imperfect character of the statistics furnished them would admit of. But while they are satisfied that the Church has not retrograded, either in her external or internal condition, and feel assured that, on the contrary, she has undergone a positive increase and improvement, they regret to say that this is not apparent in the reports of the several Parishes. Indeed, were they guided in their estimate by the evidence afforded in these, they would be constrained to make a most unfavorable representation.

In the past Conventional year there has been much to prevent a great increase in the Church. The long absence of the Bishop and Ministers attending the General Convention—the sickness of others—the death of one, leaving vacant for most of the year the most important post—the shortening of the Conventional term by two months—have prevented the usual amount of ministerial labor, and of course the customary progress. We have also to lament the frequent removal of ministers from one parish to another one of the Diocese. The Committee know not that the expression of their opinion will be of any avail to counteract any tendency to further change, but cannot refrain from recording their deliberate conviction that few things are more deleterious to the best interests of the Church than the frequent separation of minister and people. The minister can neither carry away with him his slowly acquired but all important personal influence—nor can he leave it as a heritage to his successor. Under such circumstances, it is a treasure ever being acquired and ever being lost. We do not pretend to say that change is never expedient, nor yet is the blame always to be laid on the minister—for some congregations have itching ears—love false novelties more than old truths, and grow forgetful of promised ones. Still much should be borne and long patience exercised before we forsake the old field to enter upon another man's labors.

The Committee would again impress upon congregations the duty of cheerfully consenting to their ministers acting as Missionaries in their neighborhood. The self-denial thus exercised will be rewarded by the consciousness that in no way can they better aid to spread the Church around them. In the present condition of affairs, no clergyman's influence is fully exercised and properly extended which is not made to bear on more than one point in the public exercise of prayer and preaching.

The Committee are gratified to see, that the instruction of colored children is claiming an increased attention. If any thing is to be done by us for that interesting class of our population, it must be by training the children in the truths of the Gospel as held and taught by the Church. We therefore earnestly recommend, that the ministers of the Diocese use effort to bring those children to whom they may have access under the influence of a regular course of catechetical instruction—and it is hoped that the members of our Communion will give their hearty co-operation.

The Committee have great cause to complain of inaccuracy and carelessness in the Parochial reports. They therefore offer the following resolution:

**Resolved,**—That the Secretary be instructed to have printed 500 forms of Parochial reports:—that it be his duty, one month before each Convention, to forward two copies to the address of each minister, and that no report be accepted which is not in strict conformity with the blanks furnished.

On motion, it was accepted.

On motion, **Resolved,** That the Secretary cause 600 copies of this Journal to be printed and distributed.

The Bishop then read Prayers, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

NICHOLAS H. COBBS, Pres't.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

# ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

NAMES OF PARISHES.	Baptisms.					Communicants & Schools.					Financials.				PRESENT MINISTERS.					
	Children.		Whole colored.			Confirmed.	Married.	Buried.	Added.	Died.	Colored.	Whole Number.	Teachers.	White Scholars.		Colored Scholars.				
	When admitted into Union.	white.	colored.	Adults.	Children.															
Christ Church, Mobile.....	1830	28	6	34	5	4	13	9	5	4	5	174	25	120	20	00	\$25 00	\$0 00	\$25 00	Rev. N. P. Knapp.
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.....	1830	10	2	12	7	2	11	7	48	6	30	4	6	30	270	00	8 00	0 00	180 00	Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs.
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.....	1830	9	1	10	6	2	7	2	40	4	22	4	4	22	150	00	4 00	\$20 00	252 00	Rev. J. E. Marbury.
Trinity Church, Demopolis.....	1833								22			22			25	00	4 00			" F. M. Baker.
St. John's Church, in the Prairies.....	1835																			Vacant.
St. James' Church, Livingston.....	1835	8	3	20	3	34	10	4	5	14	1	2	48			50	00	4 00		"
St. John's Church, Montgomery.....	1837	4			4				4	4			59	8	35	200	00	8 00		86 00
Christ Church, Wetumpka.....	1837																			"
St. Michael's Church, Marion.....	1838	1			1				2	1	3	7				25	00	4 00		Rev. W. A. Suckney.
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes co.....	1838	7			7							17								" W. J. Zimmer.
Christ Church, Hayneville.....	1838								4	4	1	3	21	2	10		4 00			Vacant.
St. Paul's Church, Selma.....	1838	2			4	4	1	1	3			7								Rev. J. H. Linebaugh.
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba.....	1839								1	3										"
Trinity Church, Lafayette.....	1839	3	1	1	6			3	1	2	2		31	6	20	50	00	4 00		Vacant.
St. Paul's Church, Carlisle.....	1839																			Rev. F. B. Lee.
St. John's Church, Tusculum.....	1840																			Vacant.
Trinity Church, Florence.....	1840																			Vacant.
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.....	1843	4	1		5	2	1	4	6				32	6	40	50	00	4 00	\$2554 41	Rev. H. C. Lay.
St. David's Church, Dallas co.....	1844	2			2			2		2	4		12			50	00	4 00		" R. A. Cobbs.
St. Andrew's Church, Macon.....	1844												15			100	00	4 00		Vacant.
Union Parish, Marengo and Perry.....	1844	3			5	1	9	2	5	1	12	34	17	175		100	00	4 00	40 35	Rev. E. C. Murling.
St. James' Church, Esfalia.....	1845																			Vacant.
St. Stephen's Church, Enaw.....	1846																			Vacant.
Trinity Church, Mobile.....	1847	6						3	12	2			52			40	00	4 00		Rev. J. A. Massy.
St. Mark's Church, Greene co.....	1847	3						3	3				8			50	00	4 00		" F. M. Baker.
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 Rev. J. S. MARBURY, M. J. CONLEY,  
 Rev. F. B. LEE, TURNER WILSON,  
 Rev. J. H. LINEBAUGH, Wm. M. GARROW.

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*Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention,*

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

**Extract from the Constitution of the Society for the Relief of disabled Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama:**

**ARTICLE 1.** This Society shall be composed of all Clergymen in Ecclesiastical connection with this Diocese, and all Laymen recommended by a member, upon the payment of five dollars annually. A donation of fifty Dollars shall constitute life membership.

#### **LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED SOCIETY.**

1846.	Right Rev. N. H. COBBS,	
	President Ex-officio and Life Member.	
1846.—Rev. B. M. MILLER,	1846.—Mr. ENOCH SAWYER,	
" — " F. B. LEE,	" — " TURNER WILSON,	
" — " F. R. HANSON,	" — " JOHN ELLERREE,	
" — " N. P. KNAPP,	" — " WM. M. GARROW,	
" — " J. A. MASSEY,	" — " H. L. ALISON,	
" — " F. M. BAKER,	" — " JESSEE P. TAYLOR,	
" —Mr. L. E. DAWSON,*	" — " H. A. TAYLOR,	
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" —Mr. PAUL LEE,	" — " F. G. STICKNEY,	
" — " M. J. CONLEY,	" — " DAVID MINGE,	
" — " F. J. LEE,	" — " J. M. MITCHELL.	
1848.—Rev. W. J. ZIMMER,	1848.—Mr. S. H. ANDERSON,	
" — " R. A. COBBS,	" — " T. W. MCCOY.	
" —Mr. H. BARNEY,		

\* Deceased.

There were the services of the Church morning and night during the sitting of the Convention.

On Sunday, February 27.—The Rev. Messrs. Knapp and Miller read the Morning Service; the Right Rev. Bishop read the Ante-Communion Service, and preached.

In the afternoon, the Rev. T. C. Murdaugh read prayers, and the Rev. J. S. Marbury preached,—and the Right Rev. Bishop confirmed six persons.

At night, the Rev. Mr. Knapp read the services, and the Rev. Mr. Halsey, Secretary of the Domestic Missionary Society, preached.

The next ANNUAL CONVENTION of this Diocese will be held in St. Paul's Church, Selma, on the 1st Thursday in May, 1849.

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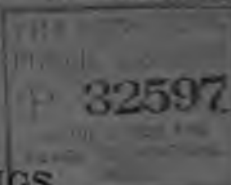
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**LIST OF CLERGY**  
**IN**  
**THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.**

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**In Attendance :**

**RIGHT REV. N. H. COBBS, D.D.,** Bishop of the Diocese, Tuscaloosa.  
**Rev. R. A. COBBS,** Minister of St. David's, Dallas County.  
" **D. D. FLOWER,** Minister of St. Luke's, Jacksonville. .  
" **W. J. ELLIS,** Minister of St. Luke's, Cahawba and St. Peter's, Lowndes.  
" **N. P. KNAPP,** Minister of Christ Church, Mobile.  
" **H. C. LAY,** Minister of Church of The Nativity, Huntsville,  
" **F. B. LEE,** Minister of St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.  
" **J. H. LINEBAUGH,** Minister of St. Paul's Church, Selma.  
" **J. S. MARBURY,** Minister of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.  
" **J. A. MASSEY,** Minister of Trinity Church, Mobile.  
" **J. H. MORRISON,** Minister of St. John's Church, Montgomery.  
" **E. C. MURDAUGH,** Minister of Union Parish, Marengo & Perry Co's.  
" **C. F. PEAKE,** Minister of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.  
" **J. M. ROBERTSON,** residing near Huntsville.  
" **WM. SCULL,** Minister of St. John's in the Wilderness and Tuskegee.  
" **O. H. STAPLES,** Teacher of Female School, Mobile.  
" **W. A. STICKNEY,** Minister of St. Michael's Church, Marion.  
" **THOMAS S. SAVAGE,** Minister of St. James' Church, Livingston.  
" **\*J. H. TICKNOR,** Minister of St. Stephens and St. Mary's Churches,  
Greene County.

**Not in Attendance :**

**Rev. THOMAS A. COOK,** Talladega.  
" **J. M. BANISTER,** Minister of Trinity Church, Demopolis, and  
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon.  
" **\*R. G. HAYS,** Teaching in Livingston.  
" **C. S. IVES,** Matagorda, Texas.  
" **A. S. SMITH,** Columbus, Miss.  
" **J. T. B. SMITH,** Minister of St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, and  
Trinity Church, Florence.

**[\*] Deacons.**

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## THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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SELMA, May 3d, 1849.

This being the time and place for the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Alabama, the Rt. Rev. Bishop, with many of the Clergy and Laity, assembled in St. Paul's Church at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop called the Convention to order, and after prayer, presented the list of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese.—Henry A. Tayloe acted as Secretary.

The list of such of the Clergy as were entitled to seats in this Convention, was then called:

- Rev. R. A. COBBS, St. David's, Dallas.
- “ T. A. COOK, Talladega.
- “ J. M. BANISTER, Demopolis.
- “ D. D. FLOWER, Jacksonville, Benton.
- “ R. G. HAYS, Livingston.
- “ C. S. IVES, Matagorda, Texas.
- “ W. J. ELLIS, Cahawba and St. Peter's, Lowndes.
- “ N. P. KNAPP, Christ Church, Mobile.
- “ H. C. LAY, Huntsville.
- “ F. B. LEE, Carlowville.
- “ J. H. LINEBAUGH, Selma.
- “ J. S. MARBURY, Greensboro'.
- “ J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.
- “ J. H. MORRISON, Montgomery.
- “ E. C. MURDAUGH, Union Parish, Perry County.
- “ C. F. PEAKE, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
- “ J. M. ROBERTSON, residing near Huntsville.
- “ WM. SCULL, Tuskegee.
- “ A. S. SMITH, Columbus, Miss.
- “ J. T. B. SMITH, Florence.
- “ O. H. STAPLES, Teacher of Female School, Mobile.
- “ WM. A. STICKNEY, Marion.
- “ T. S. SAVAGE, Livingston.
- “ J. H. TICKNOR, Eutaw.

When the following appeared, and answered to their names =

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| Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D.D.<br>“ D. D. FLOWER,<br>“ H. C. LAY,<br>“ J. H. LINEBAUGH,<br>“ J. S. MARBURY. | Rev. J. H. MORRISON,<br>“ J. M. ROBERTSON,<br>“ WM. SCULL,<br>“ O. H. STAPLES,<br>“ W. A. STICKNEY. |
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Certificates of Lay Delegates were then presented and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. LINEBAUGH, MORRISON and ROBERTSON.

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, report the following in form :

Christ Church Mobile,.....	WM. M. GARROW,* R. S. BUNKER, E. G. BENNERS, H. BARNEY, EMANUEL JONES,
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	JAMES. M. VAN HOOSE,* J. N. CRADDOCK*,
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	ISAAC CROOM, A. BENNERS,* TURNER WILSON, A. BARNUM,* C. L. STICKNEY,
Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....	_____
St. John's Church, in the Prairies,.....	_____
St. John's Church, Montgomery.....	T. B. TAYLOR,* T. WELCH,* J. CALDWELL, M. J. CONLEY,* J. C. NOBLE,
Christ Church, Wetumpka.....	_____
St. Michael's Church, Marion,.....	J. D. PHELAN,* F. E. GORDON,* H. L. O'NEIL, D. LOCKHART, H. M. DALY,*
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Co.,.....	JOHN P. BROUN,*
Christ Church, Hayneville,.....	_____
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	J. R. PURNELL,* W. WADDILL, Jr.* A. G. MABRY, D. M. RIGGS,* A. WHITE,*
Trinity Church, Lafayette,.....	_____
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,.....	_____
Trinity Church, Florence,.....	_____
Church of The Nativity, Huntsville,.....	_____
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....	H. A. TAYLOE,* J. C. BRANCH, M. M. FLETCHER, E. F. MONTAGUE,
St. James' Church, Eufaula,.....	_____
St. John's Church in the Wilderness,.....	J. MORGAN,
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,.....	WM. F. PIERCE,* S. J. CHAPMAN, T. H. HERNDON,
Trinity Church, Mobile,.....	THOMAS LESESNE,* C. C. HAZARD, A. L. HADEN, GEO. F. BOONE,* H. J. ROFF,
Trinity Church, Pleasant Hill, Dallas Co.....	_____
St. Mark's Church, Greene Co.....	_____
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,.....	_____

Delegates marked thus [\*] were present.

The names of the Delegates being then called, the following gentlemen answered and took their seats :

W. M. GARROW,  
J. M. VAN HOOSE,  
J. N. CRADDOCK,  
S. B. TAYLOR,  
M. J. CONLEY,  
JOHN P. BROWN,

W. WADDILL, JR.  
D. M. RIGGS,  
AMOS WHITE,  
HENRY A. TAYLOR,  
W. F. PIERCE,  
THOMAS LESENE.

A Canonical quorum being found present, the Rt. Rev. President declared the Convention duly organized.

HENRY A. TAYLOR was unanimously re-elected Secretary, who, receiving permission appointed JA's M. VAN HOOSE, Assistant.

The following resolution was laid upon the table :

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Huntsville on the day of May, 1850.

The hour having arrived for Divine Service, the Convention took a recess. The Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. J. H. LINEBAUGH, and the Lessons were read by the Rev. J. H. MORRISON.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, and the Annual Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. MR. MASSEY, from the words—"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God,"—1st Cor. 4th ch. and 1st verse.

After Divine Service, the Convention resumed its session.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted. The following are said

### RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1. The business of the first day of the session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2. The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, the appointment of a President (if there be no Bishop or if he be absent, and a Secretary. *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call in alphabetical order the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

RULE 3. The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.) 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on the state of the Church—the Committee on Finance—the Committee on Unfinished Business. 5. The annual Address of the Bishop, (if there be one, and he be present.) 6. The annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 7. The Reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention.

the reading of Parochial Reports. 9. The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot. 10. The Election of Delegates to the General Convention by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

LE 4. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue speaking, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

LE 5. When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

LE 6. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, nor shall he have leave of the President or be unable to attend.

LE 7. No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, nor shall he have leave of the Convention.

LE 8. A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention; *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention, voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move for a reconsideration of the same vote.

LE 9. No motion shall be debated, or be considered before the Convention, except a motion to adjourn, unless seconded, and reduced to writing (if requested by the mover, and read by the Secretary).

LE 10. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be in order, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order and decided without debate.

LE 11. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original question is put.

LE 12. Every member shall be present, when the question is put, and shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

On the motion, the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop being indisposed, the Rev. F. B. LEE was nominated, and elected President, *pro tem*.

The Rev. F. B. LEE took the Chair, called the Convention to order, and said prayers.

The Rev. Messrs. COBBS, ELLIS, LEE, TICKNOR, SAVAGE, KE and MASSEY, appeared and took their seats.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from St. James Church, Livingston; St. Paul's Church, Carlisle; and St. David's Church, Dallas County, were presented and referred to the appropriate Committee.

The Committee reported the Testimonials in form, to-wit:

St. James' Church, Livingston,.....L. H. ANDERSON,\*

S. CHAPMAN,\*

S. U. SMITH.

St. Paul's Church, Carlisle,.....H. L. ALISON,\*

J. M. LEE,\*

W. W. LANG,

JOHN SIMPSON,

BENJ. REYNOLDS.

St. David's Church, Dallas.....A. W. ELLERBE.\*

Whereupon, the following Delegates, Messrs. ANDERSON, ALISON and ELLERBE took their seats.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Orders present, be invited to take seats in this Convention.

The Rev. L. M. PURDY, of the Diocese of Western New York, and Messrs. MITCHELL and FISHER, candidates for Orders in this Diocese, took seats in compliance with the above invitation.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, tomorrow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }  
FRIDAY MORNING, May 4, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were then said by the Bishop.

The roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates was called by the Secretary, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

The Rev. N. P. KNAPP and Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH took their seats in Convention.

Mr. MORRIS, candidate for Orders in this Diocese appeared in Convention.

MESSRS. BENNERS & BARNUM, of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro; T. WELCH of St. John's Church, Montgomery; J. R. PURNELL of St. Paul's Church, Selma; J. M. LEE of St. Paul's Church, Carlottesville; Geo. F. BOONE of Trinity Church, Mobile, took their seats as Lay Delegates from their respective Parishes.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the President.

*Committee on the state of the Churches.*—Rev. Messrs. Marbury, Linebaugh, Morrison, Lay, Murdaugh, Ellis, Savage and Flower.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.*—Rev. Messrs. Peake, Scull, Ticknor and Cobbs.

*Committee on Finance.*—Messrs. Alison, Garrow, Lesesne, Anderson, Pierce, Tayloe, Benners, Craddock, Ellerbe, Conley, Waddill and Broun.

*Committee on the Admission of Parishes.*—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. W. A. Stickney and Augustus Barnum.

Articles of Association from St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, were presented and referred to the Committee on Admission of Parishes.

EASTER MONDAY, April 24th, 1848.

"We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly wishing to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of St.

Luke's Church, in the town of Jacksonville, County of Benton, and State of Alabama, and by so doing, do adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America."

Agreeable to Canon 2nd, 1842, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of the State of Alabama, that the above articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of St. Luke's Parish.

D. D. FLOWER, *Chairman.*

DANIEL HOKK, JR., *Secretary.*  
April 23d, 1849.

The Committee, leave being granted, retired, soon returned and reported the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the articles of association being in form—this Parish be admitted into union with the Convention. F. BEEKMAN LEE, *Ch'n.*

On motion, the Resolution was adopted, and St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, admitted into union.

The Certificates of Lay Delegates from Union Parish were presented and referred to the proper Committee.

Parochial Reports were then called for and read as follows :

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA,—Rt. Rev. N. H. COBB, Rector,  
Rev. C. F. PRAKE, Assistant.

Baptisms—White, adults 3; infants 5,	-	-	Total,	8
Colored, adults ; infants 6,	-	-	"	6
Confirmations—White, 4; colored	-	-	"	4
Marriages—White, ; colored	-	-	"	
Deaths—White, 3; colored	-	-	"	3
Communicants—White, added, 4; died, ; removed 3; Present No.	-	-	49	
Colored, added, ; died, ; removed	-	-	"	
Sunday Schools—Teachers, 7; Scholars, white, 23; colored	-	-	Total,	30
Library—Number of Books,	-	-	-	200
Communion—Number of times administered,	-	-	-	16
Offerings—At Communion,	-	-	-	\$152 00
Collections,	-	-	-	57 68

With very few exceptions, the Parish Church has been opened for divine service twice every Sunday, and once upon every special occasion prescribed by the Church. Also upon every Wednesday and Friday, during the Lenten Season, and daily during Holy week.

In addition to the services indicated by the above statistics, there have, from time to time, been services for the negroes, within the cure of the Rector.

At the annual meeting of the congregation on Easter Monday, a resolution was passed, making the sittings of the Church free, and establishing the weekly offertory. Besides this, there have been few changes of importance in the Parish, since the last annual report.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS CO.—R. A. COBB, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 3; infants 8.	-	-	Total,	11
Colored, ; infants 20.	-	-	"	20
Confirmations—White, 2.	-	-	"	2
Communicants—White, added 2.	-	-	Present No.	10
Colored,	-	-	"	4
Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars, colored, 35.	-	-	Total,	40
Communion—Number of times administered,	-	-	-	4
Offerings at Communion \$44 15, of which \$39 35 were for special objects.	-	-	-	
Divine service with sermon, number of times celebrated,	-	-	-	88

With some exceptions services have been held twice on each Sunday since last Convention, *once* on each of the principal Festival and Fast days, and on every Friday during Lent. The white children belonging to the congregation

have been publicly catechised once a month, and during the warm season, a school has been held on Sunday afternoons for the benefit of the negroes. The attendance on this school has been quite regular, and the progress made, encouraging. A separate service is also held twice a month exclusively for them.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—J. M. BANISTER.

Baptisms—White, adults ; infants	- - -	Total,	
Colored, adults ; infants	- - -	"	
Confirmations—White, 2 ; colored	- - -	"	2
Marriages—White, 1 ; colored	- - -	"	1
Deaths—White, 2 ; colored	- - -	"	2
Communicants—White, added 5 ; died 1 ; removed 9.	Present No.		16
Colored, added ; died ; removed	"		
Sunday Schools—Teachers 6 ; scholars, white, 20 ; colored	Total,		20
Library—Number of Books, about 150 vols.			
Communion—Number of times administered,	- - -		1
Offerings at Communion,	- - -		
Collections—\$25 the Bishops assessment.			
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,	- - -		13
The Rector took charge of this Parish on the 1st day of January last.			

#### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON,—J. M. BANISTER.

Baptisms—White, adults ; infants 5,	- - -	Total,	5
Colored, adults ; infants	- - -	"	
Confirmations—White ; colored	- - -	"	
Marriages—White ; colored	- - -	"	
Deaths—White ; colored	- - -	"	
Communicants—White, added 1 ; died ; removed	Present No.		15
Colored, added ; died ; removed 1,	"		
Sunday Schools—Teachers 4 ; scholars, white, 18 ; colored	Total,		18
Library—Number of Books.			
Communion—Number of times administered,	- - -		1
Offerings at Communion, \$5.			
Collections—\$9.90 ; for the relief of Widow's and Orphans.			
\$1.00 Bishops assessment.			
Divine Service—number of times celebrated,	- - -		11
The Rector took charge of St. Andrew's Parish, on the 1st of January last.			

The Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates reported the Certificates of Lay Delegates from Union Parish in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats in this Convention:

DAVID MINGE, R. W. NICOLSON,\* JAMES L. PRICE, J. E. RUFFIN,\* J. M. LUNGHORNE.\*

Their names were called, and R. W. NICOLSON took his seat.

The Report of the Principal of the Diocesan Classical Institute and Mission School was then read as follows:

The Principal of the Diocesan School respectfully submits the following report:

This Institution was organized by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, on the 2nd day of January, 1849, at Tuscaloosa, under the name of THE CLASSICAL INSTITUTE AND MISSION SCHOOL of the Diocese of Alabama. As stated in the Circular issued Dec. 23d. 1848, "it consists of a THEOLOGICAL and a CLASSICAL



**DEPARTMENT**—the former, for the training of young men for the work of the ministry—the latter, for the classical education of boys."

The **THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT** is under the personal supervision of the Bishop of the Diocese, who will be aided by such Presbyters as may be connected with the Mission. Situated in a section of country, in which, besides the Parish at Tuscaloosa, there is not another, for the distance of forty miles around, it is designed that the clergy, connected with the Institution, shall act as Missionaries in this destitute district. They will be supported in part by the School, and in part by the Diocesan or general Missionary society, as the Bishop may see proper to appoint.

The students in this department, will consist of the candidates for holy Orders, canonically connected with the Diocese, and such others, from neighboring Dioceses, as may desire to avail themselves of the advantages offered by the Mission. In order to meet the objection, which may be raised on the score of expense, arrangements will be made, by which the candidates, connected with the Diocese, may meet their current expenses, by devoting a portion of each day under the personal supervision of the Principal, to the labor of instruction in the Classical Department.

This arrangement it is thought will be equally advantageous to the Theological and the Classical Department. By devoting two or three hours each day to the labor of teaching, the candidates for holy Orders will be able to defray their expenses, and at the same time be themselves pursuing a course of training calculated to fit them for the better discharge of their duties as "Pastors and Teachers." "There is," says an able Prelate, "no learning like theirs who teach."

Also by this arrangement, the Principal will secure for the Classical department of the school, the aid of men, who, virtually laboring as Missionaries during the period of their candidateship, will be more conscientious in the discharge of their duties than could be expected of those who labor solely for pecuniary considerations.

There is at this time but one candidate for holy Orders connected with the Mission.\* Another from the Diocese of N. York will join it at the commencement of the Fall term. Many advantages it is believed, may confidently be expected from a Department of this character. Those educated here, will probably be for the most part, natives of the State, and as such will naturally feel a stronger attachment to the Diocese, and a deeper interest in its welfare, than would those from abroad. They would also have the advantage of a familiar acquaintance with the Institutions and the habits of thought and feeling of the South; which advantage cannot be small, at a time when much distrust and apprehension pervade the public mind, arising out of the diversity of sentiments existing between different portions of the Union.

The Classical Department is under the care of the Rev. C. F. Peake as Principal, assisted by Geo. F. Cushman, and Geo. W. Stickney, as Ushers. The school was opened with six pupils.—The present number connected with this Department is twenty-two. Of this number, six are admitted free of charge for tuition. No one desirous of attending upon the exercises of the School, has as yet been refused. Several applications for admission at the commencement of the Fall term, have already been received, and the probability is, that there will be quite as many pupils as it will be judicious to receive during the first year.

The course of studies in this Department embraces such as are necessary to "qualify the pupils for admission into College, or for entering upon the active duties of life."† The system of instruction in this Department, looks to thorough scholarship, rather than to rapid advancement. The pupil is required to advance step by step; in no case entering upon an advanced study, until he have fairly mastered the principles, with which that study, pre-supposes an acquaintance.

The Principal is aware, that this system may perhaps prove detrimental to the immediate prosperity of the school. He scarcely expects that the Classical Department will at once compete in point of numbers, with those schools, where, by a superficial system, the pupil's progress is seemingly much more rapid. Yet he confidently believes, that ultimately this system will be duly appreciated, and

\* Since ordained Deacon, and laboring in connection with the Mission.

† See Circular of December 22, 1846.

finally secure for the School a high and enduring reputation. But were he aware that under this system, the Department would ultimately fail ; it would still make no difference, in the plan of instruction. If the School cannot be sustained without sacrificing the best interests of the pupils, for the sake of a temporary and unmerited popularity, the sooner it fail, the better.

Established as it is under the auspices of the Church, and resting upon a religious basis, nothing can be done merely for the sake of appearance or popularity. Every thing pertaining to, or connected with it, must necessarily be as real, as the principles upon which it has been founded, and by which it professes to be guided.

In order, however, to carry out this system, of instruction, it becomes necessary and will in every instance be required, that the direction of the studies be left wholly to the discretion of those to whose care the pupils have been confided.

The religious exercises of this department consist of morning and evening service, comprising most of the daily morning and evening service in the Book of Common Prayer. The pupils are required to study the Catechism and such other lessons in the Liturgy and Offices of the Church, as the Bishop may from time to time appoint. No opportunity is omitted of impressing upon their young minds the necessity and duty of religious obedience. They are regarded as the Church would have them ; not in the light of mere pupils, but as Catechumens, under a course of training for confirmation, and expected to avail themselves of all their high and blessed privileges as "members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven." In addition to these services at the School, they are required to attend the Parish Church as often as it may be opened for divine service.

The discipline of the school is strict and uncompromising. Submission and obedience, are constantly inculcated, not in the light of mere matters of expediency, but as high and positive religious duties. The Principal, while he regards the relation sustained by him to the pupils, as that of a parent for the time being, and therefore bound to inflict punishment, should such a course in his estimation become necessary and expedient, is notwithstanding firmly persuaded that kind and affectionate appeals to the better feelings of the pupils—to their sense of propriety and duty—is by far the most beneficial and successful mode of administering discipline. It gives the Principal great pleasure to state, that during the four months the School has been in session, the most willing and cheerful obedience has been uniformly manifested on the part of the pupils.

In reference to the financial affairs of the School, the Principal has but little to report. The income arising from Tuition, together with the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars appropriated by the Bishop from funds raised in the North for that purpose, have been expended for the most part in fitting up and furnishing the buildings occupied for the present by the School.

In addition to the expenditures mentioned above, negotiations are going on for the purchase of an Organ, in order, not only to render the chapel services the more attractive and pleasing to the pupils, but also, to aid them in acquiring a practical knowledge of sacred vocal music.

Arrangements are completed for the accommodation of twenty-five boarders, the number to which the Principal would recommend this department to be limited for the first year. As the plan upon which this Institution is established, is strictly missionary in its character, it presupposes a truly missionary spirit in every one called to labor in connection with it. Under this supposition, the annual expenses of the pupils, have been made as small as circumstances would possibly admit. If, at any time however, the income of the School should exceed its necessary expenditures, the Principal would recommend, that the terms be reduced, or that the surplus funds be applied to the education of the children of deceased Clergymen. This Missionary character of the School should ever be kept prominent, and be rigidly adhered to ; so that no individual or individuals, connected with the Institution may be able, even if they should be so disposed, to turn the income to their own private benefit.

The Principal would take this occasion to express his gratitude to those whose services have for the most part, been gratuitously rendered to the School. Without their aid it would have been almost impossible for him to have kept up its

exercises, while discharging his duties as Assistant Minister of the Parish.\*

In organizing this School† only the first step has been taken towards its permanent establishment. Unless the Convention extend to it, its fostering care, and the Church throughout the Diocese its liberality and patronage, it cannot succeed. Its wants are many and pressing.—Buildings suitable for its purposes must be provided.‡ A Philosophical apparatus and Library§ are equally indispensable. These must be supplied before the Institution can have that permanency, and possess those advantages which shall command confidence and support, and make it efficient to the accomplishment of the ends for which it has been established.

CHARLES F. PEAKE, *Principal*.

Which, on motion, was referred to a select Committee of three, consisting of Wm. F. Pierce, T. B. Taylor and A. W. Ellerbe.

On motion, the Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.

Henry A. Tayloe presented and read the annual Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund as follows :

*To the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cobbs :*

DEAR SIR :—The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund beg leave to make the following report. They regret that it is so meagre, and that so little has been done towards its increase. They hope that the day of evil things is about to pass away and that as the financial prosperity of our State increases, something more may be expected towards its permanent increase. The Trustees hold the following notes bearing interest from their respective dates :

One Note due 1st March, 1848,.....	\$132 00
one year's interest on same paid,.....	10 56
One Note due 20th May, 1847,.....	375 00
".....".....	165 00
".....5th March, 1849,.....	135 92

Amounting,.....\$18,48

There are two notes of about \$130 each yet unpaid for the land sold under the authority of the Convention, which will be paid at maturity—the 1st of February, 1850 and 1851. The Trustees are willing to co-operate with the Convention, and adopt any mode for the increase of the Fund, which the wisdom of the Convention may suggest, even if it should be necessary to traverse the Diocese

\*The Principal has since resigned his situation as Assistant, and will, for the future, devote himself wholly to the duties of the School.

†The scholastic year will be divided into two terms of twenty weeks each—the first, commencing on the 1st day of September—the second, on the 1st day of February.

VACATIONS.—There will be two vacations in the course of the year—one of two weeks, from the 24th of December—one of two months, from the 1st of July.

TERMS.—Board, washing, fuel, lights, &c., per term of twenty weeks, - \$65 00

#### TUITION.

First Division, per term, .....	\$10 00
Second ditto, ditto, .....	15 00
Third ditto, ditto, .....	20 00
Fourth ditto, ditto, .....	25 00

For instruction in modern languages, and instrumental music, an extra charge will be made. Each pupil must furnish his own bedding, napkins, brushes, combs and silver, or pay \$10 entrance money.

Clothes and other articles must be distinctly marked.

All communications on business must be addressed to the Principal.

N. B. All charges payable in advance.

‡ Through the energetic and praiseworthy efforts of a few Laymen in the Parish of Christ Church, Tusculum, buildings have been secured for the present use of the School. The former State House has also been kindly offered by the State authorities for the same purpose. But these are mere temporary arrangements, liable to be broken up at the expiration of the year.

§ The Bishop White Parish Library Association of Philadelphia, kindly presented to the Mission one of their Parish Libraries of some fifty volumes. A gentleman in Boston, also, made a donation of several volumes of miscellaneous books for the Library. May we not hope that other donations of this kind will be made to the Mission.

**'Which was laid upon the table.**

**DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,**

**1848.**

**Fsb. 26—To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Cobbs,.....\$1065 00**

"	"....." ...for stationery,.....	1 40
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<b>Mar. 15</b>	"....."...for printing Journals, &c.,.....	<b>80 00</b>
<b>Mar. 6</b>	"....." B. Ben. Fisher Gt. St.	<b>69 00</b>

May 6	"....."...	Rev. Bishop Cobb's,.....	69 20
June	"	"	50 00

June	"	"	"	"	"	50 00
July 19	"	"	"	"	"	40 00

July 15	.....	40 00
" 26	.....	500 00

1849.

March 12 "....."....."....."..... 90 80

Balance,.....	60 85
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**1848.**

**Feb. 17—By balance, .....** 25 25

" 24 "	Contingent Fund,.....	60 00
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" 24 "	Bishops fund,.....	1065 00
Aug 11 "	Richards fund	50 82

Apr. 11	"	Bishop's fund .....	59	00
" 11	"	Contingent fund .....	20	00

" 11 "	Condo unit, .....	29 00
Mar 6 "	" "	4 00

May 8	.....	4 50
" 6 "	..... of Selma, .....	4 00

"	6	"	Bishop's Fund, .....	5 20
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<b>June</b>	"	"	"	.....	<b>50 00</b>
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<b>July 19</b>	"	"	"....."	40 00
<b>Aug 26</b>	"	"	"	500 00

" 26 "	" .....	500 00
Aug 23 "	" .....	95 00

Aug 23	"	"	.....	25 00
	"	Contingent Fund	.....	5 00

Nov 10	Contingent Fund, .....	15 00
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2007-10 ..... 20 00

1849. \$1887 25

Mar. 12 " By balance to new account,.....60 85

**Contingent Fund.**

### Bishops Fund.

**St. John's Church in the Prairies, Greene Co. ... 10,00**

**Christ Church, Hayneville, .....19,00**

Christ Church, Wetumpka,.....	23,00
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St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,.....	6,00
Trinity Church, Lafayette.....	82 00

Trinity Church, Lafayette,.....	23.00
St. John's Church, Tusculum	17.00

St. John's Church, Tusculumbia,.....	17.00
St. James' Church, Enfield.....	14.00

St. James' Church, Edinburg, .....	14.00
Trinity Church, Pleasant Hill.....	10.00

Trinity Church, Pleasant Hill,.....20.00

**129,00**

**555,00**

**DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,**

In account with N. H. Cobbs,

1848.

DR.

Feb. 26 To salary for past year,.....\$1750 00

1848.

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Feb. 26 By Cash,.....\$1065 00

May 6.....".....69 20

June.....".....50 00

July 19.....".....40 00

" 26.....".....500 00

1849.

Mar. 12.....".....20 80

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\$1745 00

Due,.....\$5 00

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphan's of deceased Clergymen, presented his annual account:

**SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF WIDOWS & ORPHAN'S, &c.**

1848. In Account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

March 3. To David Minge's Note, - - - - - \$128 35

To Balance, - - - - - 37 16

1847.

165 51

May 19, By balance, - - - - - \$4 55

1847.

Feb. — By subscription of Members, - - - - - 70 00

" By collection of Rev. F. B. Lee, - - - - - 5 80

Feb. 29, By subscription to constitute Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, life member, 50 00

Mar. 10 By F. M. Baker, - - - - - 5 00

July 19, By Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, - - - - - 5 00

Oct. 29, By collection at St. Andrew's Church, - - - - - 9 90

1849.

Mar. 30. By interest on David Minge's Note, - - - - - 10 26

" By David Minge's annual subscription, - - - - - 5 00

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\$165 51

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HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

**NOTES HELD BY THE TREASURER.**

One Note dated March 3, 1849, - - - - - 128 35

" " May 19, " - - - - - 345 82

Cash, - - - - - 37 16

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\$511 33

On motion, referred to the Standing Committee of said Society.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee of the Society for the Relief of disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphan's of deceased Clergymen, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating a portion of the fund in hand, to the education of the two chil-

dren of Rev. S. S. Lewis, D.D., deceased.

The Rev. J. A. Massey, as Secretary, presented and read the annual Report of the Standing Committee :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, respectfully present the following Report :

At a meeting of the Committee held in Mobile, May 17th, 1848, the Canonical Testimonials were duly signed in behalf of Rev. H. C. Lay, and Rev. D. D. Flower, applying for Priest's Orders.

Nov. 22d, 1848, at a meeting of the Committee duly convened, Canonical Testimonials in behalf of Rev. W. A. Stickney, applying for Priest's Orders were signed by a majority of the Committee.

At a meeting held in Mobile, January 23, 1849, James H. Fisher was recommended to the Bishop as a Candidate for Orders, a majority of the Committee signing the Canonical Testimonials.

At a meeting held in Mobile, March 29th, 1849, Rev. Robt. Addison Cobbs was recommended for Priest's Orders, a majority signing his Testimonials.

At a meeting held April 14th, 1849, Geo. F. Cushman was recommended for Deacon's Orders, a majority of the Committee signing the Canonical Testimonials.

J. A. MASSEY,

*Secretary of S. C. of Alabama.*

On motion the Convention took a recess for Divine Service, after which the Convention resumed its session.

The Bishop delivered the following Address :

Being permitted, by the good Providence of God, to meet again the Delegates of the various Parishes, assembled in Convention, I would offer my unfeigned thanks to our Heavenly Father for his unmerited mercies, with the earnest prayer that his spirit may preside over all our deliberations, and cause all things to be done to the glory of his name, to the edifying of his Church, and to the increase of love and peace and holiness, on the part of all those who may be present with us, on this occasion. I trust that we all come together in the spirit of charity and humility, and forbearance, with the earnest prayer and purpose of becoming more holy and heavenly minded—of being more firmly knit together in the bonds of mutual affection, and of being more zealous and devoted in laboring for the salvation of souls and the glory of God.

During the past year, a number of changes have occurred amongst the Clergy, which I will proceed to mention, viz : The Rev. Mr. Baker has been transferred to the Diocese of Maryland. The Rev. Mr. Hanson has been transferred to the same Diocese. The Rev. Mr. Pratt to the Diocese of New York. The Rev. Mr. Miller to the Diocese of Mississippi, and the Rev. Mr. Zimmer to that of Florida, and the Rev. D. Brown to the Diocese of New York.

The following Clergymen have been Canonically received into this Diocese, viz : The Rev. C. F. Peake, from Florida. The Rev. J. H. Morrison, from Virginia. The Rev. O. H. Staples, from Western New York. The Rev. J. M. Banister, from Virginia. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Savage, from Connecticut. The Rev. W. J. Ellis, from Georgia, and the Rev. Wm. Scull, from Arkansas.

The following Clergymen have been ordained, viz : The Rev. J. H. Ticknor was ordained a Deacon in St. John's Church, Montgomery—a sermon was preached, and the Candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Cairns, of Columbus, Ga. The Rev. W. J. Zimmer was admitted to the Priesthood, in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County—a sermon was preached by myself, and the Candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Linebaugh, who, together with Rev. Mr. Lee, united in the imposition of hands. The Rev. Messrs. Lay and Flower were ordained to the Priesthood in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville—a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. J. T. Smith, who, together with the Rev. Mr. Robertson, united in the laying on of hands. The Rev. W. A. Stickney was admitted to the Priesthood, in St. Paul's Church, Selma—the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, and the Candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Linebaugh, who, together with the Rev. Messrs. Lee, Ellis and Mor-

ri-son, took part in the imposition of hands. The Rev. R. A. Cobbs was admitted to the Priesthood in St. David's Church, Dallas—the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Marbury, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Peake, who, together, with the Rev. Messrs. Lee and Marbury, united in the imposition of hands.

Among other changes, it is my painful duty to record the death of the Rev. S. S. Lewis, D. D. This eminently faithful and devoted servant of God, was the oldest Clergyman in the Diocese; and by his sound evangelical preaching, by his holy walk and conversation, and by his ardent zeal and devotion, had contributed more than any one man to the building up of the Church in the State. After having worn out his life in the cause of his Master, he ended his days in a calm, holy, happy death; leaving behind him a name pregnant with holiness and cherished with fond affection in the memory of multitudes, who were blessed by his ministration. He was a strong pillar in the midst of us, and his removal is a loss to the whole Diocese. I have never known one who seemed to me to be a riper Christian, nor one who more happily combined the qualities of genuine experimental piety and of sound conservative churchmanship. If his clear views of Gospel truth and ecclesiastical polity, continue to be preached from all our pulpits, all the popular clamor against us will soon subside, and the Church—growing in favor with God and man—will spread and flourish, and answer the ends of her institution, in the conversion and salvation of sinners.

Feb. 24, 25, 26, and 27, 1848—I attended our Diocesan Convention, which was held in Mobile.—Preached and confirmed six persons. This Convention was not so fully attended as I could have wished, yet its proceedings were marked by much harmony and good will.

1st Sunday in March—Visited Pensacola, preached a number of times, and confirmed sixteen persons.

7th. March—Returned to Mobile, and confirmed four persons.

2nd.—Spent this day in Tuscaloosa, preaching in the morning and afternoon in Christ Church. In this Church I generally officiated when not absent on my Episcopal duties.

3d Sunday in March—Visited Montgomery and preached several times. This Parish, then vacant, is now supplied by the Rev. J. H. Morrison, who has before him an encouraging field of labor.

4th Sunday in March—Went to Jacksonville, preached a number of times, and confirmed three persons, of whom one was a colored person.

March 27—Spent two days in Talladega, and preached and baptized the infant child of the Rev. Mr. Cook. In this town and neighborhood, a congregational might be organized, and I am gratified to state that the Rev. Mr. Cook has determined to labor in this Missionary field, and also to establish a Female Episcopal School.

March 28—On my journey homeward, met with a serious injury to my right arm by a fall from a Barouche; causing me much pain and great permanent inconvenience. After much difficulty, I arrived at the house of the Rev. Mr. Wood, a Baptist minister, where I was most kindly entertained and carefully nursed. After I was so far recovered as to be able to travel, Mr. Wood conducted me home in his own carriage, subjecting himself to great inconvenience, and to serious loss of time, in order to oblige one who had no special claims on his kindness. To himself, to his wife, to his step-daughter, Miss Allen, and to Dr. Andrews of Montevallo, I shall ever feel under great obligations, for their generous, affectionate, and most Christian attention. May a merciful God abundantly bless and reward them.

April 26 and 27—After remaining at home for some weeks in order to recover from the injury done to my arm, I set out again on my Spring visitation. I spent two days in Demopolis and preached several times. I was pained to learn that their estimable minister, Mr. Baker, was about to leave the station in which he was doing much good. Since his removal, the Rev. Mr. Banister has been called to Demopolis and now officiates in that place and in St. Andrew's, Prairieville.

April 29 and 30—Visited Prairieville, preached, and baptized two infants.

May 2 and 3—Visited St. David's Parish, Dallas Co., preached, administered the Communion, and baptized one adult, and six infants.

May 5—Preached in St. Michael's, Marengo Co.

May 6 and 7—Preached in Woodville twice, confirmed three persons, and catechized the children.

May 9 and 10—Visited Marion, preached several times, administered the Communion and confirmed four persons. Here there is a good prospect for building up the Church.

May 12—Went to Cahawba, and preached. In this Town there are good materials for the establishment of the Church. Since this visit, the Rev. Mr. Ellis has commenced his labors in the town with encouraging indications of being useful.

May 13 and 14—Preached twice in Selma, catechized the children, baptized an adult, and confirmed three persons.

May 21—Preached in St. Peter's, Lowndes Co., ordained the Rev. Mr. Zimmer to the Priesthood, administered the Communion, and confirmed three persons.

May 26—Visited Montgomery, admitted Mr. J. H. Ticknor to the order of a Deacon, and administered the Communion. Mr. Ticknor immediately after his ordination, proceeded to Eutaw and the Forks of Greene, where he has been officiating till the present time.

May 28—Visited Greensborough and preached.

May 30—Married in St. Paul's Church, Greensborough, the Rev. J. S. Marbury and Miss Fanny M. Sawyer.

June 14—Visited Eutaw, baptized two adults and confirmed two persons.

June 15—Preached in the Forks of Greene.

June 18 and 19—Spent two days in Livingston, preached three times and baptized one infant. This Parish, then vacant, is now supplied by the Rev. Dr. Savage, who officiates alternately between Livingston and Sumterville. The Rev. Mr. Hays, who has charge of a Classical School in Livingston, occupies the Pulpit whenever Dr. Savage is elsewhere engaged.

June 24 and 25—Paid a visit to Columbus, Miss., preached twice, baptized two children, and confirmed eleven persons.

1st Sunday July—Visited Tuscumbia and Florence, preached three times, and baptized an infant. These two stations, then vacant, are now ministered unto by the Rev. J. B. T. Smith.

2nd Sunday in July—Preached in the town of Huntsville. Here I was prostrated by a severe and dangerous attack of bilious fever, and was consequently prevented from entering on a series of services which had been contemplated. As soon as I was able to sit up in the Chancel, I ordained the Rev. Messrs. Lay and Flower to the Priesthood. The consecration of the Church. I was compelled to postpone till another visit. During my sickness in Huntsville, I was most kindly entertained at the house of Mr. George Byrne; to whom and to his estimable wife, as also to Dr. Bassett, who rendered me prompt and skilful medical attention, I owe a very heavy debt of gratitude, which I here feel called upon publicly to acknowledge. On this visit to the North of the State I was accompanied by Mr. H. A. Tayloe, whose kindness and attention have laid me under lasting obligations which I trust never to forget.

4th Sunday in October—After my return home from Huntsville, I was confined to Tuscaloosa, by much sickness in my family, till the last of October. On the 4th Sunday in this month, I visited Woodville, preached twice, and confirmed four persons.

4th Monday in October—Preached in St. David's, Dallas Co., baptized an adult, and confirmed two persons.

5th Saturday and Sunday in October—Visited Greensborough, preached a number of times, and confirmed eleven persons, of whom one was a colored man.

2nd Sunday in November—Confirmed in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, two persons.

4th Sunday in November—Visited Eutaw, preached several times, consecrated the Church by the name of St. Stephen's, and at the request of the Minister, baptized three children and confirmed two persons.

December 16—Visited Marion, preached, and confirmed five persons.

4th Sunday in Advent—Spent two days in Selma, preached several times, ordained the Rev. W. A. Stickney to the Priesthood, and confirmed four persons.



On this occasion the services seemed to be unusually interesting to a large and attentive congregation.

Dec. 13—Visited Cahawba, and preached several times.

4th Sunday in Jan. 1849—Administered the rite of confirmation to one person.

2nd Saturday in March—Preached in Demopolis, and confirmed two persons.

2nd Sunday in March—Preached in Prairieville. At this place and in Demopolis I hope soon to see a Church erected.

3d Sunday in March—Visited Livingston, and preached three times.

4th Sunday in March—Administered confirmation in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa to one person and baptized an Infant.

Saturday and Sunday before Easter—Visited the town of Gainesville, preached several times, and baptized three children. In this town we have a few friends and members, and if the services of a minister could be secured, a congregation might be formed. On my way to Gainesville, I stopped in Eutaw, and administered the communion to a sick member of the Church.

Good Friday and Easter—Visited Mobile, preached a number of times, and confirmed forty-four persons. Of these, twenty belonged to Christ Church, and the residue to the congregation of Trinity. I was pleased to find that the cause of Missions was still sustained with their wonted liberality by the churchmen of Mobile. Indeed in all the Parishes throughout the Diocese, the important claims of Missions have been regarded, and a larger sum than usual has been contributed to that object. I was gratified to learn that the Female School of the Rev. Mr. Staple's was in a flourishing condition. And here I would remark, that in my opinion, one of the most effectual ways of preaching the Gospel and of permanently extending the Church, is through the instrumentality of Schools. With Trinity Parish there has been recently connected a Free School, which promises to be eminently useful.

1st Sunday after Easter—Visited Carlenville, preached twice and confirmed one person.

April 25 and 26—Visited Cahawba, preached twice, and confirmed four persons. There is now in this place a good prospect of the permanent establishment of the Church.

2nd Sunday after Easter—Preached in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county.

3d Sunday after Easter—Visited St. David's Dallas Co., preached, baptized an adult and an infant, and ordained the Rev. R. A. Cobbs to the Priesthood.

Such is a very brief account of my labors in different parts of the Diocese during the past year—an account that would have been much more extended but for the sickness of myself or of some member of my family. By the same cause I was prevented from complying with a promise made to the Standing Committee of Mississippi, to visit the Western portion of that Diocese.

One more candidate for Orders has been added to the list.

I am happy to state, that our Diocesan Classical Institute and Mission School has been commenced, and is now in successful progress, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Peaks, as Principal. To this School I would call the attention of the Diocese, and would commend it to the patronage of the friends and members of the Church. It is distinctly and thoroughly a Church School, under the controlling supervision of the Bishop of the Diocese, and designed to be a nursery for the ministry of the Church. It is intended to be no money-making institution, as the Teachers will receive only the salaries of Missionaries, thus enabling the Church to afford gratuitous instruction to many who have a claim upon her charity.

I would beg leave to call the attention of the Convention to the subject of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese. Although the Parishes have generally been very prompt and liberal in the payment of the assessments laid upon them for the support of the Bishop; yet I am well aware that it is a heavy tax, and one that should be diminished as speedily as possible. I believe that the Episcopal Fund, with a little effort, could be so far increased, as at once to lessen materially, the burden imposed on the several Parishes. I would therefore suggest, that the Trustees of the Fund be directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Convention, the amount of interest annually accruing from the Principal; and that it be recommended to take up an annual collection in the different Parishes for the increase of the permanent fund. Should this suggestion be adopted, one hundred dollars or more might be applied the next year to the lessening of the parochial

assessments with the prospect of an increased amount, that every year might be appropriated to the same object. In this way, as the fund accumulated, and as Parishes multiplied, the burden would annually become less and less; whilst the present tax would be more cheerfully paid, from the hope and prospect of its rapid reduction and ultimate extinction. I am fully persuaded, that there are a number of men in the Diocese, who would give their bonds bearing interest, from the date, for several hundred dollars each, and who, in this way, would forthwith increase the Episcopal Fund, to an amount that would very materially diminish the Parochial assessments. Last year, the Committee on Finance recommended that the Bishop should appoint agents to obtain subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund. As yet, I have made no appointment for that object, as I was doubtful whether there was any direct authority given to me by the action of the Convention. Another reason for my delay has been in the deranged and depressed condition of the pecuniary affairs of the State, during the past year.

In reviewing the prospects of the Church, since the period of my connection with the Diocese,—whilst I would be grateful to Almighty God, that there has been some improvement and growth, yet I am pained to see that greater advance has not been made. It is still with us a day of small things. One great obstruction to the permanent growth of the Church is because of the unsettled and changing state of the population. The members of the Church not being, in general, natives of the State, have but few local attachments, and are ordinarily looking forward to an ultimate removal to some other region of the country. Their sympathies are elsewhere. This is a great hinderance, and one that can be removed only by time, when a new generation, born in the State, shall grow up, with local predilections and sympathies, and with an hereditary feeling of interest in the permanent welfare and prosperity of the Diocese.

Another great impediment is to be found in the want of clergymen. Although I am constantly striving to increase our supply of ministers, yet the obstacles are much greater than are supposed by those who are not practically acquainted with the subject. Of native ministers, we have almost none, and have, consequently, to look to the older States; and even in them, the demand is greater than the supply. And, besides, it is not enough to have clergymen, they must be men of the right sort—sound, godly, zealous, judicious men—preaching Christ and him crucified, in all their sermons;—otherwise, they will do far more harm than good. It is a great mistake to suppose, that the inefficient and refuse clergy of the older States, will be useful in the new Territories. Under these circumstances, how earnestly and frequently should we pray that the Lord would send forth more laborers into the harvest.

Another hinderance to the growth of the Church, is the want of confidence in the spirituality and piety of the Church, on the part of the great mass of the people. However unjust this popular opinion may be, still, unless it be removed, the Church can never extensively flourish. People will not cast in their lot amongst us, as long as they believe there is no saving religion with us. Our claims to be an Apostolic Church will never have much weight, unless sustained by the substantial evidence of the fruits of good living. Now, although we should turn with aversion from a time-serving policy—from all cringing to public opinion, as the rule of our actions—yet when great principles are involved, we should not willingly, suffer ourselves to be misunderstood and misrepresented. We therefore owe it to ourselves, and to the Church, to be faithful, practical and experimental in our preaching; to present the doctrines of Christ and him crucified, in all the fulness and clearness of their renewing and sanctifying influences—and constantly to urge the fruits of the Spirit and the works of righteousness, as the indispensable tests of evangelical faith and repentance. Let it be seen in the preaching of her ministers, and in the lives of her members, that the Church teaches a religion not of rites and ceremonies, and of wordly conformity; but a religion that properly estimating and reverently using the external means of grace, renews and sanctifies the heart—that reforms the conduct, that inculcates holiness and self denial, and that requires of her professors, by a sober, righteous and godly life, to show themselves a peculiar people, zealous of good works. In this way, we shall gradually disabuse the public mind of its false prejudices—we shall acquire moral power—we shall increase in numerical strength, and shall cause the Church to be respected and venerated, as “an excellence upon the earth.”

Another difficulty that retards our progress, is to be found in the very prevalent belief that the Church is Romish in her sympathies and tendencies. Strange it is, that a Church, which is the great bulwark of the Protestant faith—whose Articles, and Offices, and Homilies, formally condemn the leading errors and corruptions of Romanism—whose Reformers were burnt at the stake, by the influences of Rome, should yet be charged with Romish sympathies and tendencies. But such is the fact—and it would be mere affectation to deny it or to overlook it. It therefore becomes our duty, honestly and faithfully, to set forth and vindicate the doctrines of the Church, as held and taught; not by some individual Father, but as contained in the Prayer Book; and whilst reverently complying with all rubrical requirements, scrupulously to abstain from the introduction of all novelists, however indifferent in themselves, or however sanctioned by primitive antiquity. The Church is now in a sensitive state, because from the events of a few years past, her character is at stake, her integrity and purity are questioned, and therefore, in these times of prevailing suspicion and distrust, little things—an attitude, a symbol—become matters of grave and serious importance. It is painful to reflect on the odium thrown upon the Church, and the injury done to her cause by a few men—I believe the number to be very small—well meaning, perhaps, but superficial and self-conceited, who under the pretence of Antiquity and Catholicity, are fond of introducing various puerilities, in matters connected with the worship and chancel arrangements of the Church;—a new set of reformers, who, whilst very harsh in denouncing different Protestant bodies as heretics, and schismatics, are yet very tender and apologetic in their remarks in reference to various errors of Romanism, especially the doctrines of Purgatory, Transubstantiation, Auricular Confession, and the Invocation of the Virgin Mary; men who whilst talking about their devotion to the Church, treat with disregard her divinely appointed officers, and who, whilst preaching up obedience, show in their conduct all the wilfulness and pride of self, manifested by the most obstinate and wrong headed sectary. Such men are no more to be regarded as true exponents of the Church, than those who are defective in their views and radical in their tendencies: and though they may flatter themselves that they are Catholics, they can not justly be called sound churchmen. In consequence of recent developments through our papers and other publications, I feel called upon to express these views on this occasion; and as a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to testify that, high as may be my views of the Church, the ministry and the sacraments—(and by many, these views would doubtless be considered very extravagant,) I yet have no sympathy and not the least respect for that Pseudo-Catholicity, which, overlooking the authority and the doctrines of the Church, as set forth in the Liturgy, Offices and Articles of the Prayer Book, follows the private opinions and teachings of some individual Father or writer, and thus sanctions a principle, a rule of faith, that has led to most of the wildest errors and extravagances of sectarianism and fanaticism.

Another great hinderance to the permanent prosperity of the Church, is the low and defective view which is taken of the Church, the ministry, and the sacraments. The consequence of this is that many of her baptized members grow up ignorant of her doctrines, careless of her sanctions, indifferent to her privileges, neglectful of her ordinances; and, finally, turning their backs upon their spiritual mother, go off into schism, or heresy, or worldliness. As I travel over the State, it is melancholy to find the multitudes, who though born in the Church have gone away into strange folds, or into the dreary common of the world. This is a great evil; but one which it is in the power of the clergy in a great measure to rectify. The claims of the Church must be faithfully, clearly, and repeatedly pressed. The Church must be presented not as a human organization, but as a Divine institution, to which it is a christian duty and a great blessing to belong, and from which it is a serious loss, and a fearful sin wantonly to separate. People should be taught to entertain a reverence for the authority and institutions of the Church, as a duty they owe to God; and that a positive benefit is to be derived from her ministrations and sacraments. The doctrine, that it is a matter of indifference whether people belong to the One True Catholic and Apostolic Church, or to any christian organization of human origin, is one pregnant with fearful evil, and one that should be boldly met, and frankly and fully exposed. However this doctrine may be praised and admired under the specious name of

liberality, yet it is one which naturally terminates in an indifference to all religion, and not unfrequently leads to open infidelity. If then, we really regard the Church, as a divine institution, let it be openly and fully avowed; let men be urged to be united with it as a duty which they owe to God; let there be no compromising of her claims for the sake of expediency, and no merging of her means and her influence with other associations. In this way, our children and the members of our congregation will grow up intelligent, devoted and confirmed members of the Church. They will be interested in her welfare, they will be grounded and settled in the faith once delivered to the saints, and will be less in danger of falling into schism, either in the direction of Rome or of sectarianism. And yet I would recommend the waging of no war against the various christian societies around us. I would cherish towards them kind feelings. I would speak of them and treat them with respect. Their intelligence, their piety, their zeal, their moral worth, and their numbers entitle them to respect. They are aiming at the same great ends, for which we are striving. They are as honest and sincere, and conscientious as we can claim to be; and though in error—in great and serious error—as we are compelled to believe them to be, yet their error in most cases is not the deliberate and wanton rejection of the truth, and of the Church, but the error of circumstances, of locality, of association, of inheritance, and of education; an error more to be pitied as a misfortune than to be condemned as a fault. Towards these various bodies of Christians I would recommend no intolerant, nor vindictive spirit. I would use no bitter nor reproachful words, but I would invite them, and draw them, and win them back to Mother Church by kind words, by charitable and candid answers to their arguments, objections, and scruples: in a word, I would preach the truth, the whole truth, without reserve, or compromise, or mitigation; but in a spirit of love, of tenderness, and of sincere regard for their best interests. We shall never win them over and draw them to our side by an unamiable and repulsive bearing, by illnatured looks, sharp speeches and reproachful epithets.

Another difficulty in the way of building up the Church is in the inadequate support of the clergy. The salaries, pledged to our ministers, are necessarily small; and even these are not always punctually and fully paid. This neglect, I am fully persuaded, arises from no disregard to the rights, and the comfort of the minister; from no unwillingness or inability to pay what is due on the part of the congregation, but from the want of some one to take a personal active interest in the minister's salary, and to see that it is promptly and fully paid. When collections are postponed or overlooked till the subscriptions are due for two years, and are then called for at once, the burthen of supporting the ministry is found to be oppressive; dissatisfaction ensues; complaints are uttered; contributions are diminished;—the minister, after struggling for a while with mortification, and debt, and want, resigns his charge; and the door of the sanctuary being closed, the congregation is scattered and weakened. But few can conceive or tell the anguish of soul suffered by a modest minister, when, in the withholding of his little stipend, he thinks he sees the evidence that his people care nothing for him; that he has forfeited their esteem, and that his influence over them has been lost. It is this thought, and not the sense of poverty and want, that weighs down and crushes the innermost soul of the minister; that paralyzes his energies; that deadens his zeal; and that blunts and dries up his holiest sensibilities and sympathies. Now all this distress and mortification suffered by the minister, and all this sad and lasting injury sustained by the congregation, might be prevented by a little attention to punctuality and system; by having some one, even the humblest of the congregation, who would make it his business simply to remind the people at stated times of their obligation and their duty. There are in almost every parish of the Diocese ability and willingness, if properly directed, to furnish an adequate and comfortable support to the minister of the Church. As the Bishop of the Diocese, I would beg leave respectfully, and earnestly, to call the attention of the congregations to this subject, as one of vital importance to their own best interests. I have hardly ever known the spiritual state of a parish to be permanently a healthy and prosperous one when its pecuniary affairs were in a deranged and embarrassed condition. In proportion to the means of our congregations, and in comparison with what is expended on

other objects confessedly of far less importance, the amount contributed to the support of the clergy is but a very small pittance, and if paid systematically and promptly, would be felt to be no pressure. In behalf then of the clergy, who are restrained by delicacy from pressing their just claims, and who yet of all other men are expected to be the most scrupulous and punctual in the payment of their debts, I would earnestly ask, not for large salaries, but that their salaries, when promised, be punctually and fully paid.

N. H. CORBES,

*Bishop Prot. Ep. Church, Ala.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That the portion of the Address relating to the Bishop's Fund be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following persons: Messrs. CONLEY, BENNERS and ANDERSON.

On motion, The Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund was referred to the same Committee.

On motion, So much of the Address as related to the Diocesan Classical Institute and Mission School, was referred to the Committee on said Institute.

On motion, The remainder of the Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Bishop presented to the Convention an invitation from the President of the Central Masonic Institute, to visit said Institute this afternoon; whereupon, the following resolution was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That this Convention thankfully acknowledge the politeness of the invitation extended to it by the President of the Central Masonic Institute, and beg leave to say that business engagements will prevent a compliance therewith.

The Convention adjourned until 3½ o'clock, P. M.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }  
Friday Afternoon, 3½ o'clock, P. M. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The President presented to the Convention an invitation from Prof. L. B. Johnson, to attend a Concert at the Dallas Academy this evening; whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to acknowledge the above invitation, and respectfully decline the same on account of the Services of the Church being held every evening.

The Rev. N. P. Knapp, Chairman of the Committee on Canons, reported the Constitution of the Diocese with proposed amendments as follows:

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution and Canons, and to propose such amendments or additions as might be deemed necessary, beg leave to propose the following amended Constitution and new arrangement of the Canons now in use, with certain amendments and substitutes, which they submit to the consideration of the Convention:

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion and piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity, the advantages of the ministry, and ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognises and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be an annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the next preceding Convention.

ART. 3. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every clergyman in ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, being a minister or assistant minister of some Parish within the same, or a mission or a missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority thereof, or being a President, Professor or Tutor in some Institution of learning recognised and approved by this Convention, or being unable to discharge the duties of the ministry on account of age or infirm health, or a chaplain in the Army or Navy, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Delegates, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the vestry thereof from the members of the Church within the same.

ART. 4. Four members of the Clerical order and the delegations of four Parishes shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business: but a smaller number may adjourn.

ART. 5. The Bishop shall be President of the Convention. If he be absent, or if there be no Bishop, the Convention shall choose a President *pro tempore*, from the Presbyters present. The Bishop may make any motion which he shall judge conducive to the good of the church; but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon. He may call *special* Conventions at whatever times and places he may think necessary. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, this power shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

**ART. 6.** A Secretary shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public accounts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession.

**ART. 7.** In Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate and vote as one body. But if it be required by two Clergymen, or the delegations of two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in which case, each Clergyman shall cast one vote, and the delegations of each Parish one vote, and a majority of the votes of each order, thus cast, shall be decisive. In electing a Bishop, the Laity *shall* vote by Parishes, as herein provided.

**ART. 8.** The election of a Bishop shall be made in Convention, in the following manner: The Clergy shall nominate by ballot, some fit and qualified clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States for that office, the votes of a majority of that order being necessary to constitute a choice. Such nomination shall be communicated to the Lay Delegates, and be considered by them; and if, on a ballot, it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved by a majority of the Parishes represented, he shall be then declared duly elected.

**ART. 9.** The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three Clergymen, and three Laymen, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Convention. Vacancies in the Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

**ART. 10.** Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, and a sermon; and the preacher shall be appointed by the Bishop, or by the Standing Committee.

**ART. 11.** A proposition to alter this Constitution, shall be made in writing, and if approved by two-thirds of the Convention, shall be submitted to the next Convention; if approved by a majority of the two orders therein, voting separately, it shall be adopted: the Constitution, so altered, shall be valid.

On motion, said Constitution with proposed amendments were unanimously adopted, which by the rule, lie over to the next Convention for final action.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, were presented, and referred to the proper Committee.

Committee on Testimonials reported the certificate in due

## CANON V.

## CERTIFICATE TO BE PRESENTED BY DELEGATES.

Delegates to the Convention from the several Parishes shall present a certificate, signed by the Secretary of the Vestry, or by the Rector, or by one of the Wardens, in the following form:

This certifies, that at a meeting of the Vestry of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A, B and C, were duly elected Lay Delegates to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, to be holden on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_, and have subscribed the form required in Canon IV.

## CANON VI.

## OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention shall elect, at a regular annual meeting, Delegates to the General Convention, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

## CANON VII.

## OF ATTENDANCE OF THE CLERGY ON CONVENTIONS.

The regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, being deemed of great importance to the interests of the Church, is *a duty* with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere. And it is recommended to the Parishes to make provision for the expenses incurred by their respective ministers in attending the Convention. At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein, shall be called over, and the absentees noted.

## CANON VIII.

## A LIST TO BE MADE, OF THE MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESE.

Sec. 1. Before the meeting of every Convention, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall cause to be prepared a list of all the Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or stations as missionaries, or of the Institutions of learning in which they are engaged; and the places of residence of such as are not employed in either of the ways above mentioned; specifying at the same time who, of either class, are Deacons: but no person, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on such list. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and



ies of the clerical members called therefrom. The all be appended to the journal, and sent to the Secre- the General Convention.

2. When the right of any Clergyman to a seat in the tion is disputed, it shall be determined, according to visions of the Constitution, by the Convention itself, his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

### CANON IX.

#### OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

Secretary shall be, *ex officio*, Treasurer of the Conven- til a Treasurer is elected. He shall forward, in due the Treasurer of the General Convention, the amount l upon the Diocese for the contingent expenses of the Convention.

### CANON X.

#### OF RECEIVING A CLERGYMAN INTO A PARISH.

leryman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of ish, unless he first produce to the Vestry thereof, a te from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, Standing Committee, that he has presented satisfac- tionials that he is an accredited minister of the in good standing.

### CANON XI.

#### OF PARISH REGISTERS AND REPORTS.

1. Every minister shall keep a register of all the bap- onfirmations, marriages, and funerals, solemnized by in his Parish by any other minister, specifying the and times of birth of the children baptised, together names of the parents and sponsors; the names of ts baptised, and also the witnesses of the baptism; the of those confirmed, and by whom; the names of the married, and of persons buried, and also the times ich rite was performed. This register shall be kept k to be provided for that purpose, and belonging to ry in each Parish, which book shall be called the Par- ister, and shall be considered as a part of the records Parish.

2. In addition to the register above named, the minis- ach Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and within his cure, specifying the time when the former communicants of his Parish, and whether by removal me other Parish, or otherwise.

3. Every minister shall, on or before the first day of annual Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered to

the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals and confirmations, within his cure, since the last Convention—and also the number of communicants—specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other Churches, or otherwise, during the same time: and also of the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday School, and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collection: together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish.

SEC. 4. In every Parish destitute of a minister, the register shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the annual parochial reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or the President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish.

## CANON XII.

### ON DIVISION OF A PARISH.

When any portion of a Parish in connexion with this Convention shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt Articles of Association, and apply to the Convention for admission. In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division, the portion seeking for it shall make known the fact to the Convention, and the Convention shall then decide upon the expediency of separation.

## CANON XIII.

### TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

SEC. 1. In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made in the first place, to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, or of the General Convention, and that it ought to be presented, they shall present the same to the Bishop, in the following form:

*To A. B.; Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama:*

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused under the hand of E. F. and G. H., [here recite the charge or charges]; and the Committee are of opinion that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canon in such case made and provided.

[SIGNED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE.]

But nothing herein contained, shall be regarded as inconsistent with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on motion, according to the 37th Canon of the General Convention.

A presentment being made, the Bishop shall commit the same to the accused, and shall proceed to form or his trial, in the following manner: At a time and place designated by the Bishop, of which reasonable notice shall be given to the accused, with a written summons to attend, names of all the Presbyters entitled to seats in Consistory shall be placed in a box, and eight names shall be drawn therefrom by some person having no supposed bias in the presence of the accused, or his agent appointing, or if neither attend, in presence of two witnesses chosen by the Bishop: A list of the names so drawn shall be made as they are called, and a copy thereof given to the accused, or left at his usual place of abode—from which he shall, all within thirty days, select five names, and give notice thereof to the Bishop. The Presbyters whose names are thus selected, shall constitute the Court for the trial of the accused.

The Court shall hold its session at such time and place as the Bishop may appoint, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the diocese.

If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall adjourn to the next day, and from day to day, for the next three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the accused do not attend, and it appears probable that a trial cannot be had, those of the Court who may remain, being not less than three (3,) shall proceed to trial. The Court shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter from their own body, or from the laity; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and establish the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall receive the oral testimony for and against the accused, and shall have it written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law to administer oaths may be called upon by the council to administer an oath of affirmation to the witnesses; and the trial shall be in conformity with the rules desired by the Standing Committee, or by the accused.

A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Court shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, (if he be not found) at least thirty (30) days before such meeting: and like notice shall be given to the witnesses.

the Standing Committee, who by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence in support of the accusation, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution.

SEC. 6. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shewn, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon, shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end, before the Court; and if he do not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 7. Upon the application of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman or Layman, as a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party five days notice of the time and place of taking the deposition. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness; and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner, and transmitted, under seal, to the Court.

SEC. 8. When the trial shall be gone through, the Court shall declare, in a writing, to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence, and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon, the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case a new Court shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided.

SEC. 9. If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop, (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Court,) shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Court,

the accused shall neither admit, nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of a Presbyter, or Deacon, as herein provided, the finding of the Court and his sentence thereupon.

## OF LAY DISCIPLINE.

### CANON XIV.

#### COMMUNICANTS TO HAVE FAMILY WORSHIP.

It shall be the duty of every communicant of the Church, who is the head of a family, to live in the daily exercise of family worship.

### CANON XV.

#### THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH TO INSTRUCT THEIR FAMILIES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF RELIGION.

The members of the Church shall instruct their families as far as they are able, in the principles of the Christian religion, and shall cause their children to attend the catechetical instructions of their Rector; and as soon as they are sufficiently informed, and impressed with the importance and sacredness of their baptismal vow, they shall present them to the Rector as candidates for Confirmation; who shall examine them, and if satisfied of their fitness, recommend them to the Bishop for Confirmation.

### CANON XVI.

#### EXCLUDING FROM THE HOLY COMMUNION AND SPONSORS IN BAPTISM, NOTORIOUS TRANSGRESSORS.

Ministers shall be careful, not to admit any person to the Holy Communion, or as sponsors in Baptism, who are notorious transgressors; and the Vestries of vacant Parishes shall endeavor to prevent such persons from being imposed on ministers visiting such Parishes.

### CANON XVII.

#### COMMUNICANTS WHO NEGLECT TO RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER TO BE STRICKEN FROM THE ROLL.

Any Communicant who shall neglect for twelve months successively, to attend the celebration of the Lord's Supper, having opportunity, may, at the discretion of the Rector, be stricken from the list of Communicants, unless satisfactory reasons for such neglect be assigned to the Rector.

## CANON XVIII

All former Canons are hereby repealed.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Diocesan Missionary Committee; whereupon, the Rev. J. S. MARBURY, Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH, of the Clergy, and Messrs. H. A. SNOW, and J. M. VAN HOOSE, of the Laity, were elected members of said Committee.

On motion, THOS. W. MCCOY, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, the following gentlemen were re-elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund: ISAAC CROOM and H. A. TAYLOR—(E. W. PECK, declining,) WM. F. PIERCE was nominated and elected in his place.

On motion, the Rev. F. B. Lee, and Rev. N. P. Knapp, and Messrs. Alison, John Ellerbe and John Simpson were re-elected members of the Standing Committee of the Society for the Relief of disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama.

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }  
Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

At the request of the Bishop, the Rev. N. P. Knapp took the Chair and called the Convention to order.

Prayers were read by the President, *pro tem*.

James M. Van Hoose being absent, permission was asked by the Secretary to appoint an assistant, it being granted, Augustus Benners was appointed.

The roll being called, Messrs. Phelan, Gordon, and Daly, answered to their names as Lay Delegates from St. Michael's Church, Marion.

Messrs. Samuel Chapman, Spaight, Ruffin, and Langhorne, appeared and took their seats as Lay Delegates from their respective Parishes.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Reports of the Committees were then called for.

Rev. C. F. Peake, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following Report, which was read by the Secretary :

The Committee on Unfinished Business, would respectfully report, that they find upon the Journal no business requiring special action at their hands. The only deferred business, was the Report of the Committee on Canons, which Committee has already reported.

C. F. PEAKE, Ch'n.

Permission being granted, the Rev. J. H. Ticknor read the Parochial Report of St. Mark's Church, Greene county.

The Rev. F. B. Lee presented and read the Report of the Standing Committee of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen deceased.

The Standing Committee of the Society for the relief of Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, respectfully submit, that they have examined the account correct of the Treasurer, and recommend the same to the approval and acceptance of the Convention.

They have also had under very sober consideration, the resolution referred to them, proposing an appropriation from our fund, for educating the children of the late Rev. Dr. Lewis. And while they deeply lament their inability to comply with the proposal, they would present the case to the members of the Convention, as one calculated to enlist their warmest sympathies, in behalf of this charitable institution.

For three years only, has our Society been in existence, and already have two sad occasions been presented which authorize an appeal to its fostering aid. The bereaved and needy ones, are relics too of those whose high position in the Church, and enjoyment of the esteem and affection of their brethren, should entitle them to a very lively interest. And while we must deplore the necessity which compels us at present to withhold our assistance, we would humbly hope that this very circumstance will be the means of eliciting some attention to the claims of this charity, and also of stimulating to efficient co-operation with us, those who have not yet contributed to our means. And we conclude with an earnest appeal to our Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, and an invitation to participate with us in this benevolent enterprise.

The resolution respecting the place of holding the next Diocesan Convention was taken from the table, and on motion, amended thus:—*Resolved*, That the next Diocesan Convention be held in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', the second Thursday in May, 1850.

Wm. F. Pierce from the Committee on the Diocesan and Mission School, read the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Principal of the Classical Institute and Mission School, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to say—

That they regard the efforts of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, to establish a Seminary of learning, to be under his control, for the education of Candidates for the Ministry, and the inculcation of the distinctive principles of the Church into the minds of the youth of the State, as a movement highly important to the interests of the Diocese, and one in every way worthy the support of this Convention.

The Committee are satisfied that the principles which are set forth in the Report, and on which the School is conducted, are those best calculated to ensure important and lasting benefits.

The School under the control of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, managed by the present able and efficient Principal, and conducted upon the principles set forth in the Report, must commend itself to every Churchman, as an important means of advancing the cause of religion and education, and of promoting the interests of the Church in the Diocese.

The Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions by the Convention:

*Resolved*, That the Convention approve of the Diocesan School, established by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, at Tuscaloosa, and recommend it to the favorable consideration of the people of Alabama.

*Resolved*, That each member of this Convention will interest himself in behalf of this School by procuring contributions, and; by soliciting patronage so as to place it upon a permanent and lasting basis.

*Resolved*, That the Principal be required to make annual reports to the Convention, showing the condition and prospects of the School.

(Signed,)

M. F. PIERCE,  
A. W. ELLERBE,  
T. B. TAYLOR.

On motion, the Report and accompanying Resolutions were adopted.

H. L. ALISON, from the Committee on Finance, presented their report as follows :

The Committee on Finance, report the Treasurer's account correct, the particulars will appear in the journal. They recommend the assessment on the Parishes for the payment of the Bishop's salary to continue the same with the exception of the transfer of twenty dollars from St. Andrew's, Macon, to Trinity, Demopolis; and that the new Parishes be assessed as follows :

St. Michael, \$40 for Bishop's salary ; \$4 contingent expenses.  
St. Luke's, 25 " " 4 " "

That the assessment for contingent expenses on the old Parishes continue the same, and Delegates requested to settle before the adjournment of the Convention.

H. L. ALISON, Chairman.

	Bishop's Assessment.	Contingent Expenses.
Christ Church, Mobile.....	\$500.00	\$25.00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.....	200.00	8.00
St. John's Church, Montgomery.....	200.00	8.00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.....	150.00	4.00
Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Counties.....	100.00	4.00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon.....	80.00	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Selma.....	50.00	4.00
St. John's Church, in the Prairies.....	30.00	4.00
St. James' Church, Livingston.....	50.00	4.00
Church of the Nativity, Huntville.....	50.00	4.00
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.....	25.00	4.00
St. Paul's Church, Carlisle.....	50.00	4.00
Trinity Church, Lafayette.....	25.00	4.00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.....	25.00	4.00
Trinity Church, Florence.....	25.00	4.00
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba.....	25.00	4.00
St. David's Church, Dallas County.....	50.00	4.00
Trinity Church, Demopolis.....	45.00	4.00
Christ Church, Hayneville.....	25.00	4.00
St. John's Church, in the Wilderness.....	25.00	4.00
St. James' Church, Eufaula.....	25.00	4.00
Christ Church, Wetumpka.....	20.00	4.00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.....	40.00	4.00
Trinity Church, Mobile.....	50.00	4.00
Trinity Church, Dallas County.....	25.00	4.00
St. Mark's Church, Green County.....	40.00	4.00
St. Michael's Church, Marion.....	40.00	4.00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.....	25.00	4.00
	<b>\$1995.00</b>	<b>\$141.00</b>



The following Parishes still owe their assessments for 1848.

St. John's Church, in the Prairies.....	\$30,00	\$4,00
Trinity Church, Lafayette.....	25,00	4,00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.....	25,00	4,00
Trinity Church, Florence.....	25,00	4,00
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba.....	—	4,00
Trinity Church, Demopolis.....	—	4,00
Christ Church, Hayneville.....	25,00	4,00
*St. John's Church, in the Wilderness.....	25,00	3,00
St. James' Church, Eufaula.....	25,00	4,00
Christ Church, Wetumpka.....	20,00	4,00
St. Stephen's Church, Eufaula.....	—	4,00
Trinity Church, Dallas County.....	25,00	4,00
St. Mark's Church, Green County.....	40,00	4,00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.....	—	4,00
	<b>\$365,00</b>	<b>\$55,00</b>

Which, on motion, was accepted.

The Rules of Order being suspended, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, (since the meeting of our last Convention,) it having pleased Almighty God to remove from the scene of his earthly labors, our beloved brother, the late S. S. Lewis, D. D., Therefore—

*Resolved*, That while we bow with submission to the will of an All-wise Providence, we deeply lament his departure as a loss to ourselves and to the whole Church. We lament this painful dispensation the less, because of the exceeding great and long continued sufferings of our lamented brother, and his thorough ripeness for those joys above, upon which we believe he has entered. We heartily respond to the very just and beautiful tribute paid yesterday to his almost perfect character as a just man, in the Bishop's address, and we will ever delight to remember him as a truly experimental preacher, a sound and consistent churchman, and a faithful minister of the Church of Christ.

*Resolved further*, That the Secretary of this Convention be requested to forward a copy of the above resolution to the Widow of the deceased.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency and feasibility of establishing a Church paper in this Diocese.

Referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Massey, Marbury, and Ticknor, of the Clergy, and Messrs. Conley, and Garrow, of the Laity.

M. J. Conley, from the Committee on the Bishop's Fund, presented the following Report :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Episcopal Fund, ask leave to report—

That they have given an attentive examination to the suggestions therein contained, to appropriate the interest of said fund annually to the payment of the salary of the Bishop, so far as it will go, for the purpose of relieving the Parishes from the annual assessment to that extent. At present the interest so accruing is so inconsiderable that its division among the Parishes would be too small to be of any use.

The Committee are of the opinion that the interest annually accruing should be added to the principle, and invested until it becomes a larger amount, so that the fund shall be certainly on the increase, though for a time it may be small, an increasing fund we think will encourage contributions to it, and a policy should be adopted for its steady and constant increase. For an object so necessary and

\* Since paid \$30.

worthy the attention of the Diocese, your committee would suggest that the Clergy be requested to appropriate the offerings collected at the celebration of Divine Service on Christmas day, and where a Clergyman officiates for more than one congregation, that the offerings first collected from them after Christmas day, be appropriated to the fund; and that an agent or agents be appointed to solicit notes or bonds from those, who may wish to contribute in that way to the fund for whatever time they may seem fit—the interest to be paid on them annually and added to the fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Clergymen in their respective Parishes, be required to take up a collection on each Christmas day for the benefit of the Bishop's Fund, and where a Clergyman officiates in more than one Parish, a collection be taken up as early after Christmas as convenient for that purpose, in the Parish in which no service may be held on Christmas day, and that these collections be called Christmas offerings.

On motion, *Resolved*, That an agent be appointed by this Convention, to solicit contributions according to the suggestions of the Committee on the Bishop's Fund, for the ensuing ecclesiastical year.

Whereupon, Henry A. Tayloe was nominated, and elected an agent to solicit contributions.

The Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service, the Convention resumed its sitting.

Rev. E. C. Murdaugh, from the Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, presented their report, and the Annual Account of their Treasurer, as follows:

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, would report to the Convention that during the first part of the last year, the Rev. Mr. Baker and the Rev. Mr. Zimmer, were in the employment of the Society—the one laboring in Greene County, and the other in Lowndes County—and that since their removal from the Diocese, the Rev. Mr. Ticknor has been engaged to officiate in Greene County, and the Rev. Mr. Ellis to labor in Lowndes County, and in Cahawba. A small appropriation was made towards the support of the Rev. Mr. Stickney stationed in Marion. The Treasurer's account, herewith appended, will show the state of the funds belonging to the Society. All which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. COBBS, *Chairman*.

THOMAS W. McCOY, *Treasurer*,

In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

1848	DR.	
Feb. 25,	To balance report to Convention.....	\$722 05
" 28,	Rec'd from Rev. Mr. Murdaugh, coll. his Parish.....	41 35
Mar. 7,	" " Bishop Cobbs, coll. Ch. Ch. Mobile, Convention,	65 80
May 16,	" " H. A. Tayloe, Esq., coll. St. Andrew's Parish...	10 65
June 20,	" " H. A. Snow, Esq., coll. Ch. Ch. Tuscaloosa.....	25 00
'49, Mar 6,	" " Rev. J. A. Massey, coll. St. James' Par. Liv'ton,	6 50
April 9,	" " Rev. N. P. Knapp, coll. Ch. Ch. Mobile.....	125 55
" " "	" " Annual contribution, laymen Ch. Ch. Mobile....	100 00
" " "	" " Rev. J. A. Massey, coll. Trinity Ch. Mobile.....	28 10

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Feb. 29,	By cash paid Bishop Cobbs, order Rev. W. I. Zimmer.....	\$100 00
May 11,	do do do " F. M. Baker.....	33 33
June 24,	do do do " W. A. Stickney....	50 00
" "	do do do " J. B. T. Smith.....	40 00
Oct. 9,	do do do " J. H. Ticknor.....	100 00
Oct. 16,	do do do " W. I. Zimmer.....	67 00
" 49, Jan. 9,	do do do " W. J. Ellis.....	100 00
" 19,	do do do " J. H. Ticknor .....	50 00
May 1,	By balance carried down .....	584 67

\$1,125 00

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May 1,	To balance on hand, . . . . .	\$584 67
E. E.—Mobile,	1st May, 1849.	

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

### Rev. J. S. Marbury presented and read the Report of the Committee on the state of the Church :

The Committee on the State of the Church, having examined the documents referred to them, are gratified to be able to say, that they give evidence of the growth of the Church. Although, from the nature of the case, the present work of the ministry must be chiefly employed in preparing the ground and sowing the seed for after ingatherings, yet already we hope some fruit has been brought forth to the glory of God and advance of Christ's kingdom. The Baptisms have been 331, previous year 139; Confirmations 108, previous year 33; the additions to the number of Communicants have been about 200, previous year 69; the present number is 723, the previous year 657; 19 Clergymen, including the Bishop, present in this Convention, 11 in the last. These statistics show that the Church has been making progress, and though it may seem to be small, yet considering the obstacles to be contended with, we have reason to be grateful—to be encouraged to perseverance—to be more diligent in labors, and earnest in prayers, for the wider extension and deeper spirituality of the Church.

The Committee are pleased to state, that reports have been received from every settled minister in the Diocese but one, and that the reports seem to have been carefully prepared, with due attention to the prescribed form. We hope every Clergyman will continue faithfully to record all his official acts, and report them accurately to the Bishop.

As, however, some diversity of opinion has prevailed as to the items proper to be mentioned under the several heads, they would therefore recommend, that under the head of "Deaths," the minister should distinguish between those which occur in his own congregation or charge, and those extra parochial; that under the head of "Communion, number of times administered," he should include both the private and public administrations, designating them; that under the head of "Collections," he should mention only contributions for benevolent objects, specifying those objects, and omitting the assessment for the Bishop's Fund salary, and collections for Pariah purposes, such as building, repairing and improving Churches, and defraying current expenses; and that under the head of "Divine Service," he should include all public service held in the Church, or usual place of worship, and also those which he has performed there or elsewhere.

The colored portion of the community have not been, we observe by the reports, altogether neglected; but we are still far short of our duty in this respect. The great difficulty, we are sure, consists not in want of will and disposition of the Clergy to labor among them, but in the almost utter impossibility to make any impression on the present adult population. The work must begin at the foundation, in catechising the children, and this labor of love, to be regularly and often performed, must necessarily fall on their owners. Upon whom else so heavily presses this great responsibility? Some conscientious few have thus begun, and we hope to see their number annually increasing. Then from these private nurseries, in due time, the minister will be able to transplant them, living and growing trees of righteousness, into the vineyard of the Lord.

The Committee recommend, that so much of the Bishop's Address as was referred to them, be returned to the Bishop, with the respectful request that additional copies may be printed separate from the Journal, and issued to the Diocese as a Pastoral Letter.

In pursuance of the recommendation of the Committee on the state of the Church—

It was *Resolved*, That 300 copies of such portions of the Annual Address of the Bishop as he may select, be printed as a Pastoral Letter in addition to the Journals.

Whereupon, on motion, the Convention adjourned until 3½ P. M.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }  
Saturday 3½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment—The Bishop in the Chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bible, Tract, and Prayer Book Committee, be required to report annually to this Convention.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Lay members of the Bible, Tract, and Prayer Book Committee.

Messrs. Lesesne, Jones, and Garrow, were nominated and elected.

Rev. J. A. Massey, asked further time for the select Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Diocesan Paper to report.—Application granted.

Upon motion, The report of the Committee on Canons was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

Upon motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee of the Bible Tract, and Prayer Book, be instructed to prepare a report of their past years proceedings and transmit it to the Secretary of the Convention to be spread on the Journal of this year.

The Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese by ballot—Rev. J. H. Ticknor and H. L. Alison appointed tellers.

After balloting, the Rev. Messrs. Knapp, Massey, and Linebaugh of the Clergy, and Messrs. Lesesne, Garrow, and Alison, of the Laity, were declared duly elected.

It was therefore moved and seconded, that the election of Delegates to the General Convention, be deferred until the next annual Convention.

Upon motion, it was *Resolved*, That seven hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed and distributed.

Upon motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Selma for their generous hospitality.

Ordered, that the Treasurer of this Diocese pay to the  
 xton of St. Paul's Church, five dollars, for services rendered  
 ring this Convention.

After prayer and the benediction by the Bishop, the Con-  
 vention adjourned, *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS,

*Bishop Prot. Ep. Church, in Alabama.*

HENRY A. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

J. M. VAN HOOSE, } *Assistants.*

A. BENNERS.

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☞ There were Services of the Church morning and night, during the  
 ting of the Convention.

On Sunday, May 6, the Rev. Messrs. LEE and LINDBAUGH, read the  
 orning Service. The Rt. Rev. Bishop read the Ante-Communion Ser-  
 vice and preached.

In the Afternoon the Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON read prayers, and the Rev.  
 MORRISON, preached.

At night, the Rev. O. H. STAPLES read the services, and the Rev. N. P.  
 HARRIS preached, and the Bishop confirmed three persons.

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The next Annual Convention, will be held in St. Paul's Church, Greens-  
 boro', on the 1st Thursday in May, 1850.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

(Continued.)

### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHAWBA.—WM. J. ELLIS.

Baptisms—White, adults 1, infants 4,	-	-	-	-	Total,
Confirmations—White 4, colored	-	-	-	-	"
Communicants—White 4, added 1, present number,	-	-	-	-	"
Communion—Number of times administered,	-	-	-	-	"
Divine service—Number of times celebrated,	-	-	-	-	"

I entered on my duties at St. Luke's on the 14th of January. Have had use of a building only on one Sunday in the month.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.—WM. J. ELLIS.

Marriages—White 1,	-	-	-	-	Total,
Deaths—White 2,	-	-	-	-	"
Communicants—White 7, colored 1,	-	-	-	-	"
Communion—Number of times administered,	-	-	-	-	"
Collections—Bishop's Fund,	-	-	-	-	"
Divine service—Number of times celebrated,	-	-	-	-	"

The above report embraces only St. Peter's proper. There are other communicants, embraced in the report of the former Rector, at various points in the region. And I have held occasional services at Hayneville, Lowndesboro' Benton. I entered on my duties at St. Peters on the 7th of January.

### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.—D. D. FLOWER.

Baptisms—White, adults 1, infants 8,	-	-	-	-	Total
Colored, adults 1, infants 2,	-	-	-	-	"
Confirmations—White 2, colored 1,	-	-	-	-	"
Marriages—Colored 1,	-	-	-	-	"
Burials—White 7,	-	-	-	-	"
Communicants—White, added 2, present number,	-	-	-	-	"
Colored, added 1,	-	-	-	-	"
Sunday Schools—Teachers 1, scholars, white 28, colored 2,	-	-	-	-	"
Communion—Number of times administered,	-	-	-	-	"
Offerings—at Communion,	-	-	-	-	\$1
Collections, during the 18 months, for Rector's salary,	-	-	-	-	9
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,	-	-	-	-	"

There has been but little change in the apparent condition of the Parish at last Convention. The services have not generally been so well attended as in the previous year, yet I think the friends of the Church are both more numerous, and more firmly attached, than before.

I have twice held services in Ashville, St. Clair county; though there are members of the Church in this place, a missionary, setting forth the true claim of the Church, will meet with encouragement.

## CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—NATH'L P. KNAPP, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 4, infants 52,	-	-	-	Total, 56
Colored, infants 3,	-	-	-	" 3
Confirmations—Whites 27,	-	-	-	" 27
Marriages—Whites 2, colored 2,	-	-	-	" 4
Deaths—Whites 21, colored 1,	-	-	-	" 22
Communicants—White, added 28, died 4, removed 35, present No.	-	-	-	" 147
Colored, 3, present number,	-	-	-	" 3
Sunday School—Teachers 20, scholars 100,	-	-	-	" 120
S. S. Library—Number of books,	-	-	-	" 200
Parish Library—Number not known.	-	-	-	
Communion—Number of times administered,	-	-	-	15
Offerings at Communion,	-	-	-	\$359 45
Collections—For Domestic Missions,	-	-	-	1162 00
For Diocesan Missions,	-	-	-	230 00
Bp. Polk S. School Miss. Society contributions for education of two heathen children,	-	-	-	100 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$1851 45
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,	-	-	-	185

The condition of the Parish is encouraging. Although the number of Communicants reported is less than that of the previous year, there has been an *actual* gain of twenty-eight. Many were reported at the last Convention, from the list found by the Rector on the Parish Register, who had ceased to be members of the Parish, or had ceased to be communing members. The names of such persons have been since the last Convention, struck from the list. The incorrect statement at the last Convention was unavoidable, the Rector being a stranger in the Parish.

The collections for Domestic Missions since the last report exceed in amount those of any year since 1839, as the journals for the intervening years will show.

The congregation on Sundays is large, but on Wednesday mornings and Friday nights it is very small. The word of God, preached in sincerity, is listened to by many with serious and earnest attention: and in some hearts, surely, it is good seed bringing forth fruit to the glory of God.

## CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—HENRY C. LAY.

Baptisms—White, adults 1, infants 9,	-	-	-	Total, 10
Colored, adults , infants	-	-	-	" 0
Confirmations—White, , colored	-	-	-	" 0
Marriages—White, ; colored 1,	-	-	-	" 1
Deaths—White, 4, colored 1,	-	-	-	" 5
Communicants—White, added 4, died , removed 2. Present No.	-	-	-	24
Colored, added , died , removed	-	-	-	" 0
Sunday Schools—Teachers 8, scholars, white, 40, colored	-	-	-	Total, 48
Library—Number of Books, about 100 vols.	-	-	-	
Communion—Number of times administered,	-	-	-	13
Offerings at Communion,	-	-	-	\$71.14
Collections—Chiefly to pay off the Church debt,	-	-	-	1,322.89
Bishop's assessment,	-	-	-	50.00
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,	-	-	-	147

It will be seen that the Rector of this Parish has scarcely any additions to the Communion to report; nor has he any excuse to offer for this ill-success. He deems it proper to say, however, that the state of the congregation is more encouraging than at any former period. So long as the Communicants continue as united, as consistent in life, and as ready to aid his ministerial efforts as at present, he has no right to despond.

To the Rev. Mr. Robertson, he is under much obligation for constant gratuitous assistance. Assistance without which, he feels that the duties of this Parish would have been much more imperfectly discharged.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE—F. B. LEE,**

Baptisms—White, adults	, infants 13,	-	-	-	Total, 13
Colored, adults	, infants 4,	-	-	-	" 4
Confirmations—White 1, colored		-	-	-	" 1
Marriages—White 3, colored		-	-	-	" 3
Deaths—White 2, colored		-	-	-	" 2
Communicants—White, added 1, died 1, removed	Present No.				32
Colored, added	, died , removed 1,				"
Sunday Schools—Teachers 5, scholars, white, 20, colored 9, Total,					34
Library—Number of Books about 40.					
Communion—Number of times administered,					14
Offerings at Communion, \$21, other objects \$50, Diocesan \$5.50—					\$76 50
Divine Service—number of times celebrated,					93

The undersigned reports one confirmation in St. Paul's Church, Selma, of Cahawba—and two communicants at the log meeting House, in Dallas County, where he has officiated once a month since last May.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—J. H. LINERAUGH.**

Baptisms—white, adults, 4, infants 6,				Total 10
colored, adults, , infants, 12,				" 12
Confirmations—white, 10, colored				" 10
Marriages—white, 3, colored 1,				" 4
Deaths—white, 2, colored				" 2
Communicants—white, added 12, died , removed 3.	Present No.			34
colored, added	, died , removed			" 0
Sunday Schools—Teachers 6, scholars, white, 30, colored				" 30
Library—number of Books, about 200 vols.				
Communion—number of times administered,				12
Offerings at Communion, \$50 about appropriated to contingent expenses.				
Collections, \$7.50 to Foreign Miss. \$40 to Domestic, and \$5 to B. P. & T.				\$ 50
Divine Service, number of times celebrated,				60

Every circumstance marks the Parish in a healthy condition. The only apprehension of the Minister is, that he cannot be supported, since the relinquishment of the Missionary stipend. The ladies raised \$160 to pay the debt of the Minister, for moneys advanced by him in completing the Church, leaving a balance yet unpaid of near \$300. The minister cannot close his report without noticing in an especial manner, the kindness, courtesy and confidence uniformly extended to him by his congregation, and the community of town and neighborhood.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO, J. S. MARBURY, Rector.**

Baptisms, white, adults 3, infants 16,				Total, 19
colored, " 1, "				"
Confirmations; white 10, colored 1,				" 11
Marriages; white 1, colored ,				"
Deaths; white 7, colored				"
Communicants; white, added 19, died 1, removed 1,	Present No.			57
colored, added 2.				" 2
Sunday Schools; Teachers 3, Scholars white,				30
Library; No. of books, about				200
Communion; No. of times administered,				14
Offerings at Communion,				\$117
Divine Service; read prayers on 104 occasions, and preached 102 sermons.				

The Rector, with the consent of his Vestry, during the last year officiated at St. John's in the Prairies, once a month for seven months. The congregations



were large and attentive. This Church yet affords an encouraging, though diminished prospect of usefulness to a faithful and laborious minister. Much longer delay to occupy this one of the oldest positions of the Church in the Diocese, may result in its entire loss.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—J. A. MASSIE, Rector.

Baptisms; white, adults 6, infants 49,	-	-	-	Total 55
colored, adults , infants	-	-	-	" 0
Confirmations; white 23, colored	-	-	-	" 23
Marriages; white 14, colored 5.	-	-	-	" 19
Deaths; white, 46, colored	-	-	-	" 46
Communicants; white, added 65, died , removed	Present No.	-	-	" 100
colored, added died, removed,	"	-	-	" 0
Sunday Schools; Teachers 6, scholars, white, 66, colored	-	-	-	" 66
Library; number of Books,	-	-	-	112
Communion; number of times administered, once a month and at Easter.	-	-	-	
Offerings; at Communion,	-	-	-	\$158
Collections; about	-	-	-	\$5.00
Divine service; number of times celebrated,	-	-	-	180

The Rector, and all who have co-operated with him, have great cause to thank God for his goodness towards this Parish during the past years. Until a little before the last Convention, it was thought as good as dead; now it is self-supporting and flourishing. The only additional instrumentality for good, is a Free School Establishment in the Parish, which now numbers 50 scholars, and promises to do much for the Church among the poorer classes of the community.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY—J. H. MORRISON, Rector.

Baptisms; white, adults , infants 5,	-	-	-	Total 5
colored, adults, 1, infants	-	-	-	" 1
Confirmations; No confirmation has been held, the Bishop not having visited us.	-	-	-	
Marriages; white, 2, colored 2,	-	-	-	" 4
Deaths; white, 5, colored	-	-	-	" 5
Communicants; white, added, 9, died 2, removed 2,	Present No.	-	-	57
colored, added 1, died , removed.	"	-	-	4
Sunday Schools; Teachers 9, scholars, white, 45. colored	-	-	-	" 45
Library; No. of Books, S. School Library 125 viz. Parish Library, 60 vs.	-	-	-	
Communion; number of times administered at Montgomery 12 times,	-	-	-	
at Robertson's Spring 1,	-	-	-	Total, 13
Offerings; at Communion	-	-	-	\$103.55
Collections; S. School Library, \$33.75, Domestic Missions, \$35. Total	-	-	-	\$68.75
Divine Service; Services have been held at Montgomery 103 times, Robertson's Springs 8 times, Mt. Meigs 12 times,	-	-	-	Total 123

The afternoons of the days of administering the Holy communion are devoted to catechising the children.

A Bible class was held for a while in the winter, and resumed lately.

A number of candidates are awaiting a visit from the Bishop to receive the Apostolic rite of confirmation, all of whom are expected to be added to the list of communicants except two, who are already communicants.

During the year, about \$1,000 have been paid on the Rectory, making \$3,000 paid in all, leaving only a small balance now due.

The Rector took charge of this Church in June last.

#### UNION PARISH,—EDMUND C. MURDAUGH.

Baptisms; white, adults 2, infants 6,	-	-	-	Total 8
colored, adults, 4, infants 9,	-	-	-	" 13
Confirmations; white 7, colored	-	-	-	" 7
Marriages; white, 3, colored 2,	-	-	-	" 5

Deaths; white, 3, colored 1, " 4  
 Communicants—white, added, 8, died removed Present No. 30  
                   colored, added, 3, died removed, " 15  
 Sunday Schools; Teachers, 6, scholars, white, 20, colored, 175, " 195  
 Library; No. of Books.  
 Communion; number of times administered, 4 or 5.  
 Offerings at Communion,  
 Divine Service; number of times celebrated, usually twice on every Sunday.

I respectfully report to the Convention, that I took charge of my field of labor in the commencement of the present year, and that it consists of Tuskegee, Trinity Church, Auburn, Macon County, and "St. John's in the Wilderness," Russell County. The last named place is the only one that has had the services of the Church. In the two former, we have now eleven communicants.

I have officiated in this charge for four months. During this time, I baptized eleven persons, viz: 5 white infants, 2 colored, and 4 colored adults. I have, also, administered the Holy Communion 4 times: once to the colored people. My labors amongst these, to whom I preach regularly, are truly encouraging. This is attributable, chiefly, to the solicitude of the owners of servants, to have them religiously instructed. There are likewise, a number of applicants for confirmation, and amongst these are some colored persons. To discharge my ministerial, and parochial duties, at the points named in this report, I will have to travel on "horse back" during the year, about five thousand miles.

My official acts out of the Diocese, and which have not been reported are 6 baptisms, 5 infants, and one adult, and I officiated at four burials of the dead.

WM. SCULL,

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON—THOMAS S. SAVAGE.

Baptisms; white, adults	, infants 4,	Total, 4
	colored, adults, , infants	" 0
Confirmations; white,	, colored	" 0
Marriages, white, 2, colored		" 2
Deaths; white, 2, colored		" 2
Communicants; white, added, 5, died, 2, removed, 6	Present No.	33
	colored, added, , died, removed	" 7
Sunday Schools; Teachers, 3, scholars, white, 12, colored		" 15
Library; number of books.		
Communion; No. of times administered,		" 12
Offerings at Communion,		\$22
Collections,		\$61.50
Divine Service; Number of times celebrated,		28

My connection with this Parish began on the 1st of October, 1848. I have officiated twice in the month at Livingston, and twice at neighboring points, Sumterville and Liberty 12 and 18 miles from Livingston. The congregations have generally been good. Some favorable indications exist in the temporal affairs of the Church. On my arrival, I found the Church in debt—a member of the Vestry who had done much towards building the edifice, has relinquished his claims amounting to several hundred dollars, and contributions have been made by the congregation sufficient to meet all other claims, so that the Church is now free.

I am unable to report favorably of the spiritual condition of the Parish. The very instable character of the population of the region operates unfavorably.—Several worthy communicants and energetic supporters of the Church have removed with the tide of emigration westward, and others it is expected will soon follow. Whether others will come in to supply their places, is known only to the great Head of the Church. But his promise is on record—"Let us not be weary in well doing, for *in due season we shall reap if we faint not.*"

Services have been held in the afternoon for the colored people with great encouragement for perseverance in the work—a class in Sumterville has been regularly instructed by Mrs. S. with a gradual increase in numbers and interest.

On Sundays unoccupied by me, the Rev. R. G. Hays has officiated at Livingston with great acceptance to the congregation, so that this Church has been served every Sunday. Mr. Hays has also conducted the Sunday School regularly, and in other ways been an instrument of good in the Parish.

THOMAS S. SAVAGE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA—J. B. T. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms; adults 4, infants 6,		Total	10
Communicants; added, 1, died, 1	Present No.		14
Funerals,			2
Sunday Schools; teachers, 5, scholars 36,			41

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE—J. B. T. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms; adults 2.		Total	9
Communicants; added, 5, removed 3,	Present No.		15
Marriages,			1
Funerals,			1

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARION—W. A. STICKNEY.

Baptisms: white, adults 5, infants 8,		Total	13
colored, adults, infants		"	0
Confirmations; white, 9, colored		"	9
Deaths; white, 1, colored		"	1
Communicants; white, added 17, died 1, removed 4	Present No.		20
Sunday Schools: Teachers, 1, scholars, white, 10, colored			11
Communion: number of times administered,			15
Offerings at Communion,		\$45.80	
Collections,		5.00	
Divine Service, number of times celebrated,			223

Divine Service has been celebrated twice every Lord's day, and on Saint's days. Also, during Lent, once every day and twice on Litany days. Twice every day in Holy Week. The Holy Eucharist every Lord's day in Lent.

ST. STEPHEN'S, EUTAW, AND FORK OF GREENE,

J. H. TICKNOR, Deacon.

Baptisms: white, adults 2*, infants 3*,		Total	5
Confirmations, colored, adult 1, infants 36,		"	37
Marriages,		"	2
Deaths: white, 2, colored 1		"	3
Communicants; added 5, removed 1, died 1	Present No.		23
Sunday School: teachers, 3, scholars 15			18
Library: No. of Books, about			150
Communion: number of times administered,		"	1
Collections: for Church building, \$1,000. Bishop's fund, \$40.			
Divine Service: number of times celebrated,		"	102

Through the exertions of a few friends of the Church in Eutaw, and the liberality of the community, a handsome and commodious Church has been consecrated to Almighty God in that place, where services are held every alternate Sunday. Circumstances have seemed to forbid having services at any other time; but such arrangements are in contemplation as will have the house opened for its legitimate purposes at least one night in every week.

\*By the Bishop.

At Burton's Hill, in the Fork, services are held every alternate Sunday in the morning. In the afternoon of the same day we are permitted, by the kindness of Presbyterian friends, to occupy their Church at Beth-Salem. And in the evening, services are again held for the benefit of the colored people at the Hill of Howth.

Every proper opportunity has been improved to instruct the servants: and it is pleasant to be able to report that the ladies of several families are actuated by a sense of Christian duty in that respect.

This occasion is taken to acknowledge the receipt of two handsome Prayer Books and a Bible for the Chancel, from gentlemen of Mobile.

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**ST. MARK'S IN THE FORK OF GREENE—J. H. TICKNOR, Deacon.**

Of this Parish, there is nothing to report but the number of communicants, which is included in the tabular report from St. Stephens, Eutaw. The colored persons baptized as in the preceding report, are attached to this Parish. Services have been held on alternate Sundays as above: but it is hoped that a convenient Church will soon be erected in some central position, so that the members of the Parish will be as closely united in worship as they are in mind and affection.

The Rector would here express his grateful sense of the great and uniform kindness, which both in the town and country, has been extended to him.

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Though I have had no parochial charge, yet it has been a matter of great joy to see the Church progressing so steadily, and above all, so harmoniously. May the Lord use it for his glory. As it is my duty to report to you what I have been doing, I take this opportunity to state, that I have had a few occasional services, besides my regular duties as teacher. I have also performed the marriage ceremony twice. There are in Talladega, 4 communicants, besides several others in the country, and a number who are attached to the Church.

Very Respectfully,

THOMAS A. COOK.

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The undersigned, late Minister of St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, reports, in addition to what appears on register of said Church, that from 1st March to 1st November, 1848, I officiated 105 times: his labors being given chiefly to St. Peters, Lowndesboro, Hayneville, Trinity Church, Dallas, and a small congregation in Autauga, and at the plantation of Mr. John P. Brown. On the 28th October, he baptized one infant in Autauga, and on the 3d November, three infants in Eufaula.

WM. I. ZIMMER.

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Rev. J. A. MASSEY, | EMANUEL JONES.  
WILLIAM M. GARROW.

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### *Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.*

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo Co.



# ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,**  
**HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO,**  
**On the 9th, 10th and 11th of May, 1850.**

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# LIST OF CLERGY

IN

## THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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### In Attendance :

- GHT REV. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, Tuscaloosa.
- v. J. M. BANISTER, Minister of Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's, Marengo.
- v. R. A. COBBS, Minister of St. David's Church, Dallas County.
- “ \*G. F. CUSHMAN, Minister of St. John's Church in the Wilderness, Russell County
- “ W. J. ELLIS, Minister of St. Luke's, Cahawba & St. Peter's, Lowndes.
- “ D. D. Flower, Minister of St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.
- “ Rev. J. S. MARBURY Minister of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.
- “ J. A. MASSEY Minister of Trinity Church, Mobile.
- “ \*J. M. MITCHELL, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
- “ \*T. A. MORRIS, Teaching in Mobile.
- “ J. H. MORRISON, Minister of St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- “ E. C. MURDAUGH, Minister of Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Co's.
- “ W. A. STICKNEY, Minister of St. Michael's Church, Marion.

### Not in Attendance :

- v. N. P. KNAPP, Minister of Christ Church, Mobile.
- “ H. C. LAY, Minister of Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.
- “ F. B. LEE, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.
- “ J. M. ROBERTSON, residing near Huntsville.
- “ WM. SCULL, Minister at Auburn and Salem.
- “ J. T. B. SMITH, Minister of Trinity Church, Florence, and St. John's, Tuscumbia.
- “ O. H. STAPLES, Teacher of Female School, Mobile.
- “ THOMAS A. COOK, Talladega.
- “ J. H. TICKNOR, Columbus, Ga.
- “ \*R. G. HAYS.

| Deacons.

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# JOURNAL

OF

## THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }  
ASCENSION DAY, May 9, 1850. }

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, the celebration of Divine Service commenced at 11 o'clock, A. M. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Stickney. The Ante-Communion, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, and the Annual Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Murdaugh, from the words—"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory, both now and forever, Amen"—2d. Peter, 3d chapter, 18th verse.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop to the Clergy and many of the Laity, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Marbury in distributing the elements.

After the benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop N. H. Cobbs, D. D., who, after prayer, presented the list of Clergy canonically connected with the Diocese :

- N. H. COBBS, D. D., residing in Tuscaloosa.
- Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Trinity Church, Demopolis.
- " R. A. COBBS, St. David's, Dallas County.
- " THOS. A. COOK, Talladega.
- " \*G. F. CUSHMAN, St. John's in the Wilderness, Russell Co.
- " W. J. ELLIS, St. Luke's, Cahawba.
- " D. D. FLOWER, St. Luke's, Jacksonville.
- " \*R. G. HAYS.
- " N. P. KNAPP, Christ Church, Mobile.
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- " F. B. LEE, St. Paul's, Carlowville.
- " J. S. MARRURY, St. Paul's, Greensboro'.
- " J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.
- " \*J. M. MITCHELL, Assistant Rector, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.
- " \*T. A. MORRIS, Teaching in Mobile.
- " J. H. MORRISON, St. John's Church, Montgomery.
- " E. C. MURDAUGH, Union Parish, Union Town.
- " J. M. ROBERTSON, Huntsville.
- " WM. SCULL, Auburn and Salem.
- " J. T. B. SMITH, Tusculumbia and Florence.
- " O. H. STAPLES, Teaching Female School, Mobile.
- " W. A. STICKNEY, Missionary, Marion.
- " J. H. TICKNOR, Columbus, Ga.

[\*] Deacons.

their names were called by the Secretary, and the following answered thereto :

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,	Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,
" R. A. COBBS,	" J. H. MORRISON,
" D. D. FLOWER,	" E. C. MURDAUGH,
" J. S. MARRBURY.	" W. A. STICKNEY.

A list of Parishes was then called, and Testimonials of thanks were presented from St. John's Church, Montgomery; Christ Church, Tuscaloosa; St. Paul's Church, Greensboro; St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville; St. Andrew's Church, Macon, and referred to a Committee appointed by the President-wit: Rev. Messrs. MORRISON, STICKNEY and BANISTER. The Committee having examined the Certificates, reported in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to sit in Convention :

St. John's Church, Montgomery,....	THOMAS B. TAYLOR,*
	WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	JOHN R. DRISH,
	JOHN N. CRADDOCK,
	EDWARD F. COMEGYS,
	E. W. PECK,
	CARTER R. HARRISON,
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',....	ISAAC CROOM,*
	ROBERT B. WALLER,*
	AUGUSTUS BARNUM,*
	CHARLES L. STICKNEY,*
	AUGUSTUS BENNERS,*
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....	HENRY A. TAYLOE,*
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,....	GEORGE HOKE.
	DANIEL HOKE.*

Their names were called, and the following Delegates answered thereto :

Messrs. TAYLOR,	Messrs. BARNUM,
" CROOM,	" STICKNEY,
" WALLER,	" BENNERS,
	TAYLOE.

Constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary. HENRY A. TAYLOE was nominated and re-elected to that office. Leave being granted, A. BENNERS was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow.

Delegates present.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO', }  
FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer by the Rt. Rev. President, on motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted.

The roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates was then called.

Rev. Messrs. CUSHMAN, ELLIS and MASSEY, and Mr. DANIEL HOKE, Delegate from St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, appeared and took their seats.

Certificates of Lay Delegates were then presented from the following Parishes, viz:—St. Stephen's Church, Eufaw; Trinity Church, Demopolis; St. James' Church, Livingston; St. Paul's Church, Selma; St. Luke's Church, Cahawba; St. David's Church, Dallas County; Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Counties; Christ Church, Mobile; and referred to the Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates.

The Rules of Order were suspended, and on motion, the 1st Rule was amended,—the words—"a sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion" being inserted.

RULE 1. The business of the first day of the Session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; a Sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion; and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2. The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, the appointment of a President (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary, *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

RULE 3. The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.) 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees viz: the Committee on the state of the Church—the Committee on Finance—the Committee on Unfinished Business. 5. The annual Address of the Bishop, (if there be one, and he be present.) 6. The annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 7. The reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention. 8. The reading of Parochial Reports. 9. The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot. 10. The election of Delegates to the General Convention, by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

RULE 4. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

RULE 5. When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

8. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

7. No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Convention.

8. A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of the Convention; *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day in which the question is decided, move for a reconsideration of the same vote.

9. No motion shall be debated, or be considered before the Convention, except a motion to adjourn, unless seconded, and reduced to writing by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

10. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be received to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to reconsider, shall always be in order and decided without debate.

11. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original

12. Every member who shall be present, when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.

notion, the Rt. Rev. President appointed the Rev. G. H. HEMAN and Mr. C. L. STICKNEY, a Committee to examine the Journal of the last General Convention, and report if there be any thing therein requiring the action of this Convention.

The Committee on Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following from the following Parishes in due form, to-wit: Phen's Church, Eutaw; Trinity Church, Demopolis; Wesley's Church, Livingston; St. Paul's Church, Selma; St. Luke's Church, Cahawba; St. David's Church, Dallas; St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County; Union Parishes, Marengo and Perry Counties, and Christ Church, Mobile. The following persons were reported by said Committee as having been seated in the Convention as Lay Delegates:

From St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw... S. J. CHAPMAN,\*  
WM. F. PIERCE,  
THOMAS H. HERNDON,  
GARDNER ELLIOT,  
GUSTAVUS A. WYSER,  
ALEXANDER JARVIS,  
JOHN H. COPP.  
From Trinity Church, Demopolis... HENRY W. REESE,  
WILLIAM C. ASHE,  
O. H. PRINCE,  
JOSEPH PACKARD,  
CHAUNCEY COON,  
F. S. LYON,\*  
From St. Luke's Church, Cahawba... S. B. CROCHERON,\*  
From Union Parish, Marengo & Perry, DAVID MINGE,\*  
JAMES L. PRICE,\*  
THOMAS A. HARRISON,  
G. W. R. MINGE,  
JOHN M. LANGHORNE.

Those marked thus [\*] were present.

From St. Peter's Church, Lowndes, Co. JOHN P. BROUN,\*  
 R. P. McCORD,\*  
 PAUL LEE,  
 JOHN ADAMS.  
 From Trinity Church, Mobile, T. LESESNE,  
 C. A. BRADFORD,  
 A. L. HADEN,  
 GEORGE F. BOONE.\*  
 From St. David's Church, Dallas Co. WILLIAM H. DAVIS,\*  
 JOHN AMBLER SMITH,\*  
 N. B. PEGUES,\*  
 A. W. ELLERBE,  
 From Christ Church, Mobile,..... HENRY STICKNEY,\*  
 W. M. GARROW,  
 T. H. LEWIS,  
 F. W. McCOY,  
 HINDMAN BARNEY.  
 From St. Paul's Church, Selma,.... W. WADDIL, Jr.,  
 A. G. MABRY,\*  
 J. R. PURNELL.  
 From St. James' Church, Livingston, S. U. SMITH,  
 S. W. MURLEY,\*  
 GEORGE SAUNDERS.

The names of Delegates being thereupon called, the following gentlemen appeared and took their seats:

Messrs. CHAPMAN	Messrs. BOONE,
" MINGE,	" DAVIS,
" BROUN,	" MABRY,
" McCORD,	" CROCHERON,
" LYON,	" STICKNEY,
" ELLERBE,	" MURLEY.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

*Committee on the state of the Church.*—Rev. Messrs. Massey, Morrison, Marbury, Murdaugh, Banister, Stickney and Ellis.

*Committee on Finance.*—Messrs. Taylor, Minge, Croom, Tayloe, McCord, Stickney, Boone, Ellerbe, Mabry, Hoke and Murley.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.*—Rev. D. D. Flower, Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Rev. J. M. Mitchell.

Upon application of St. John's Church, Elyton, it was admitted into union with the Diocese.

ELYTON, May 5th, 1850.

We, the undersigned, being desirous to organize a Parish at this place to be called St. John's Parish, do promise to conform to the doctrines and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church as established in the Diocese of the State of Alabama.

Agreeable to Canon 2nd, 1843, we certify that the above Articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of St. John's Parish.

NATHANIEL HAWKINS, *Chairman.*

THOMAS W. EARLE, *Secretary.*

Delegates marked thus [\*] were present.



Rev. Mr. Massey presented the Report of the Bible, Tract,  
Prayer Book Committee.

**LE, PRAYER BOOK, TRACT & S. SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

In account with THOMAS LESENE, Treasurer,

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To paid for Account Book,.....	\$	75	
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Drayage and Wharfage,.....	30	1 35	
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\$199 25

Books on hand 1st May, 1850, at T. Lesene's Office—67 Bibles; 9 do.;  
Testaments; 6 do.

at W. Strickland's Store—212 Prayer Books; 42 Packages of Tracts;  
Catechisms, No. 1; 62 Catechisms, No. 2; 9 Catechisms, No. 3; 50  
Catechisms, No. 4; 188 Union Primers; 144 Question Books; 2 Libraries,  
vols. each.

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3. By rec'd by the hands of Rev. J. A. Massey, from }	\$20		
Bishop Cobbs, .....			
From Trinity Church, Mobile,.....	10	\$30 00	
" Rec'd from F. B. Lee, Carlowville,.....		3 30	
" Rec'd by the hands of Rev. J. A. Massey, from Rev. Mr.			
Lay, Huntsville,.....		10 00	
" Rec'd from Rev. Mr. Linebaugh, Selma,.....		5 00	
" " " Stickney, Marion,.....		5 25	
17, " " Mr. Knapp, Mobile,.....		46 00	

Aug. 17, 1849.	By rec'd from Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, collection in May, at St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,.....	6 00
Jan. "	Rec'd from Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Dallas County,.....	20 00
" "	" H. Barney, for two Prayer Books,.....	5 00
March 6,	" Dr. Anderson for half dozen Prayer Books and one bundle Tracts,.....	3 50
	Rec'd from S. Stickney, for Books taken by him,.....	1 50
" "	" Mr. Morris for one bundle Tracts,.....	25
Jan. 27.	" Rev. Mr. Knapp, for one Prayer Book,.....	25
	Rec'd by the hands of Rev. Mr. Massey, from Christ Church Pensacola, .....	10 00
	Rec'd from St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	10 00
" "	" Dr. Anderson,.....	10 00
" "	" A. Smith,.....	1 00
" "	" Rev. J. A. Massey, for Books sold by him, \$1 55	
Aug. 6,	" " " " 1 50	3 05
" "	" Judge Garrow, for one Sacra Privata, \$0 25	
	1 Conversion of St. Paul,.....	25 50
Oct. 25,	" H. Barney, for 1 Prayer Book,.....	57
Jan. 4, 1850.	" Mr. Adams, for 3 Prayer Books,.....	1 40
April,	" Rev. J. A. Massey, for 2 Pr. Books, sold by him, 1 50	
" "	" Trinity Ch. Mobile, by hands Rev. Mr. Massey, 25 00	

**\$199 25**

May 7, By balance brought down, in hands of Treasurer,..... 22 56  
E. E. THOMAS LESESNE.  
Mobile, 7th May. 1850.

MEMORANDUM.—Balance in hands of Treas. as above, \$22 56  
Amount due the Committee, about..... \*60 00 82 56

Deficient, about,..... 57 46  
Amount due by the Committee..... 140 02  
To D. Dana, Agent, for invoice,..... \$81 20  
" J. C. Butler, " " " " 58 82

**\$140 02**

**Rev. Mr. MASSEY then presented the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.**

The following have been the official acts of the Standing Committee of this Diocese during the past year. June 26th, 1849, the Canonical consent of the Standing Committee was given in favor of the consecration of the Rev. W. M. Green, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi. On the same day, Rev. J. H. Ticknor, was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders. August 3d, 1849, consent required by Canon, was given by the Standing Committee to the consecration of the Rev. Geo. Upfold, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Indiana. December 18th, 1849, Mr. John M. Mitchell was recommended to the Bishop, to be ordained Deacon. All which is respectfully reported.

J. A. MASSEY, *Secretary of S. C. of Ala.*

\* Of the amount due the Committee, Rev. Mr. Knapp will pay \$40 for Christ Church.

cial Reports were then read, which not being completed at 11 o'clock, the reading was suspended, and the session took a recess for Divine Service; and after service again called to order, and the Bishop read his Report and a Charge to the Clergy, which upon motion, referred to the Committee on the state of the Church:

#### THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL REPORT.

I have been mercifully spared to meet again with the brethren in a Convention of the Diocese, I would, in compliance with Canonical requisition, present you with the following account of my services and labors during the year:

4, 5, and 6—Attended the annual meeting of our Convention in Tuscaloosa, preached, administered the Communion, and confirmed four persons. The Convention was well attended, was a very harmonious and pleasant one, and I trust a profitable one.

7—Preached in Tuscaloosa and admitted George F. Cushman to the order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by the Rev. C. F. Peake. Prayers were read by the Rev. D. D. Flower.

8—Received from the Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, notice of placement from the Ministry of S. M. Meade, a Deacon.

9 and 20—Visited Montgomery, preached several times, confirmed several persons, and admitted Thomas A. Morris, to the order of Deacons.

11—Visited Mt. Meigs, preached and confirmed two persons.

12—Visited Tuskegee and preached. In this healthy and pleasant country nothing might be done for the Church if we had in the Diocese enough to keep up regular services.

13—Visited Auburn, preached, and confirmed six persons. In this country I hoped that a Church may in time be built.

14—Visited Crawford, the Court House village of Russell County, preached.

15 and 27—Consecrated a Church in Russell County by the name of Church in the Wilderness, and administered the Communion. During the same visit I read the burial service over a colored man, and addressed a large assembly of negroes assembled on the occasion. During the same visit, I visited an aged servant.

16—Went to Eufaula, and preached. At that time there was no Church officiating in the Town. In the fall the Rev. G. F. Peake was established there as a Missionary, and I trust that his labours will be directed to the building up of the Church.

17—Saturday and Sunday in June—Visited Marion, preached several times, and confirmed five persons.

18—Sunday in June—Preached in Tuscaloosa: and here I would remark, that not engaged in travelling through the Diocese, I have generally twice on a Sunday in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

19—Sunday in July—In Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. Baptized three children.

20—Sunday in July—Confirmed three persons in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

21—Read the Burial Service over the body of the Rev. C. F. Peake, carried off in the morning of his days by Pulmonary Consumption. A man of this devoted, energetic, and efficient Minister, the Diocese has lost a most heavy loss. I have known but few men so well qualified for the work of the Ministry. He was fast getting into successful operation a Diocesan school for boys, in which he was deeply interested, and which, if he had lived, would have proved a blessing to the Diocese. By his death the School has necessarily been suspended, nor have I as yet been able to obtain a suitable man to re-establish and superintend it.

28th July—Rec'd. from Bp. McIlvaine, notice of the suspension of the Rev. A. M. Tontal, for contumacy.

Sept. 29—Confirmed in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, two persons.

Oct. 1st—Baptized in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, one Adult, and two Infants.

13th Oct.—Visited Prairieville, preached twice, and confirmed three persons. Also admitted to the Order of Priests, the Rev. J. H. Tieknor. The following Presbyters were present, and assisted in the imposition of hands; viz: the Rev. J. M. Banister, the Rev. W. J. Ellis, the Rev. E. C. Murdaugh, and the Rev. R. A. Cobbs.

Oct. 21—Baptized in Tuscaloosa one Adult and three Children, all colored persons. At the same time confirmed four colored persons.

Oct. 23d—Visited Elyton, preached twice. In this Town I hope to see the Church established in a short time. There is an open door for usefulness.

1st Sunday in Nov.—Visited Huntsville, consecrated the Church of the Nativity, preached four times and confirmed three persons.

2nd Sunday in Nov.—Went to Tuscumbia and Florence, preached twice in each place, and confirmed one person in Florence, and two persons in Tuscumbia.

4th Sunday in Nov.—Went to Eutaw, and the Forks of Greene—preached several times, baptized two children, and confirmed one person.

6th Dec.—Visited Woodville, preached, and confirmed four persons.

2nd Sunday in Dec.—Went to Greensboro', preached several times, and confirmed six persons, of whom one was a colored girl.

20th Dec.—Baptized in Tuscaloosa one Adult, colored person, and three colored children.

Jan. 1st, 1850—Received from Bishop Otis, notice of his having displaced from the Ministry, Samuel Shernell, a Deacon.

Jan. 15th—Received from Bp. Gadsden notice of the displacement of Jeddiah Huntington from the Church.

3rd Sunday in Jan.—In Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, admitted to the Order of Deacons, John M. Mitchell. The candidate was presented by the Rev. J. M. Banister, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. S. Marbury.

1st Sunday in Feb.—Visited Demopolis, and preached twice.

2nd Sunday in Feb.—Went to Mobile, preached in the morning in Christ Church, in the afternoon in Trinity Parish, and again at night in Christ Church. Also held a special confirmation in Trinity Parish, for the purpose of confirming a Lady from Pensacola.

Ash Wednesday—Preached in Trinity Parish, Mobile.

1st Sunday in Lent—Visited on my way to Jackson, Miss., one old friends Church Hill, and preached in the Parish Church.

2nd Saturday and Sunday in Lent—In compliance with a call from the Presiding Bishop, went to Jackson, to assist in the consecration of Dr. Green, the Bp. elect of that Diocese. On Saturday the Church in Jackson was consecrated, the sermon on the occasion being preached by myself. On Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Green was consecrated Bishop of the Diocese. The Sermon was preached by Bp. Otey. Bishops Otey, Polk, Freeman, and myself assisted in the imposition of hands. Having long known Dr. Greene, I hope I may be excused for remarking that I consider Mississippi highly favored in having such a man for a Bishop.

3rd Sunday in Lent—Again visited Mobile. In the morning preached in Trinity Parish and confirmed fifteen persons. In the evening preached in Christ Church, and confirmed twelve persons, of whom three were colored persons.

15th March—Admitted W. T. Walthall, a candidate for Orders.

19th March—Visited Eutaw, preached, and baptized two infants.

20th March—Preached at Burton's Hill, in the Forks of Greene.

rch—Went to Gainesville, but in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, had no opportunity to hold service. In this Town we have members of the Church, and it is my purpose to connect it with Liv-  
ingstone as a Missionary Station.

rch—Went to Livingston, and preached.

rch—Preached in Bethlehem Meeting House in Greene county.

day after Easter—Visited Talladega, preached twice, and baptized  
Here a Parish has been organized, and the prospects of the Church  
bright.

rch—Visited Jacksonville, preached several times, and confirmed two

rch—Went to Elyton, but in consequence of high water was pre-  
vented from arriving in time to fulfill my appointment.

day after Easter—Visited Jonesboro', and preached. It is my pur-  
pose to make this Town a Missionary Station in connection with Elyton, if a  
Parish can be obtained to occupy it.

rch—Received from Bp. Upfold notice of his having withdrawn the  
License of G. L. Roberts, a Deacon, for infidelity to his Ordina-

rch—Visited Woodville, and preached.

rch—day in April—Preached in St. Michaels.

rch—2 and 23—Visited St. David's, preached twice and confirmed one  
On the occasion, I was gratified to meet with the Rev. Mr. Mar-  
shall of the Diocese of South Carolina, who was kind enough to read

rch—5 and 26—Went to Cahawba, but in consequence of the absence  
of the Rev. W. J. Ellis, no appointment had been made for service.

rch—day after Easter—Being detained by the rains and prevented from  
visiting St. Peter's, I remained in Cahawba and preached twice.

rch—30—Went to Pleasant Hill in Dallas County, and preached.

rch—Visited Carlisle, preached twice, and confirmed one person.

rch—day after Easter—Visited Selma, and preached twice. I regretted  
that this very promising field of labor still without a minister.

rch—Visited Marion, preached, and confirmed five persons, of whom  
one was a colored person. The occasion was an interesting one, from the  
fact that four of the persons were youths belonging to a school connected  
with the Parish, and conducted on Church principles, and one that promises  
to be a most happy influence in the cause of the Church and of true

rch—I give a brief account of my labors during the past year. Since the  
beginning of the year, I have been enabled to visit every congregation in the Di-  
ocese, and have used all the influence of my personal attention to  
have Ministers called to our vacant stations. Although I have  
traveled more than 5,000 miles, and have had to encounter unusual difficul-  
ties on account of inclement weather, bad roads, and swollen streams, yet  
I have been mercifully permitted to enjoy good health, and have cause to  
thank God, not only for his general goodness, but for some special eviden-  
ces of his providential care.

rch—I regret that I have to report among the clergy, are as follows: The  
Rev. J. Linebaugh, has removed to the Diocese of Louisiana; the Rev.  
J. H. H. has been transferred to the Diocese of Mississippi; the Rev.  
J. H. has removed to the Diocese of Georgia, but is still canonical-  
ly connected with that of Alabama, and the Rev. A. S. Smith, has removed  
to the Diocese of Virginia. The Rev. Thomas A. Morris, has been ordained  
and is teaching in Mobile, and performing to some extent, Missionary  
work. The Rev. G. F. Cushman has been ordained a Deacon, and is offici-  
ating as Missionary in Eufaula; and the Rev. J. M. Mitchell, having been

ordained a Deacon, has been acting as an assistant to the Rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa. Besides the melancholy event of the death of the Rev. C. F. Peake, to which I have alluded in a former part of this address, I should also mention the death of the Rev. C. S. Ives, who, though for many years a resident of Texas, was canonically a Presbyterian of this Diocese. He was a faithful, devoted minister, eminently useful in his labors, and one who by his zealous and self-denying labors, literally wore himself out in the service of his Lord and Master. In reference to these various changes, I would remark that whilst it is sad and discouraging to lose from the Diocese the labors of Ministers whom I esteem and love, yet I will do all in my power to fill up the stations that have been left vacant. In the present destitution of Ministers, I should almost give up in despair if it were not for my faith that God will mercifully watch over his Church, and that He will yet raise her up from her present weak and low estate. I would earnestly ask of the members of the Church that the ministerial wants of the Diocese be frequently remembered in their prayers to Almighty God, who by his good Spirit must put it into the hearts of men to dedicate themselves to the work of the ministry.

I am gratified to learn from our worthy and energetic Secretary, Mr. H. A. Tayloe, that he has met with a good measure of success in soliciting subscriptions for the permanent Episcopal Fund, having been engaged in that duty during the past year, in compliance with a resolution of the last Convention. By his zeal and industry, that Fund has been raised to about Ten Thousand Dollars, and as many members and friends of the Church have not yet been applied to, I would respectfully recommend that his agency be continued. I am now convinced that if proper measures be taken, the fund can be so far increased as in a few years to relieve the Parishes of all assessments for the support of the Bishop. I should do injustice to my feelings if I did not here express my gratitude for the active zeal of Mr. Tayloe, and for the liberality of those who have contributed to the fund.

I am happy to say to the Convention, that the Diocesan Female School, which I have long wished to have established, will go into operation on the first day of January next, under the care of the Rev. Wm. Johnson, in the town of Tuscaloosa—a large and convenient building having been bought by the members of the Church in Tuscaloosa for that purpose. Mr. Johnson is a clergyman well known in this Diocese, of established reputation, a ripe scholar, an experienced Teacher, a sound Churchman, and in all respects eminently qualified for the important and responsible office which he proposes to undertake. I would therefore earnestly recommend the contemplated school to the confidence and patronage of the friends and members of the Church in the Diocese. Our daughters will here be favored with the highest literary advantages, and at the same time be thoroughly instructed according to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

I would respectfully call the attention of the members of the Church to the importance of taking measures for the establishment of Rectories in their several Parishes; as one of the best and most economical modes of supporting the Ministry of the Gospel. It is often times a subject of complaint, and perhaps sometimes justly so, that Ministers are restless and discontented, and are frequently leaving their Parishes; thereby discouraging the members and weakening the cause of the Church. Now it should be remembered that Ministers are not mere hirelings working for wages, but generally men of education, of refined and cultivated feelings, justly deserving, and naturally expecting some degree of consideration and respect; that oftentimes they come into their Parishes as strangers: and that therefore it is not to be wondered at, that seeing no sympathy or interest manifested in their comfort; having perhaps no definite place of residence provided, they should

iraged, and from a feeling of despondency, seek a new field of labor. Many places with a little effort and perseverance, Rectories might be, and then the Minister of the Parish would have a *home feeling* which would serve as a check to dissatisfaction and restlessness, and which naturally incline him to remain stationary and contented. And when man is thus situated the interest and sympathy of a congregation more apt to be drawn out towards him, and their kind feelings develop towards him in contributing in various ways to the domestic supplies of himself and family. These incidental and voluntary contributions to the comfort of his family are far more gratifying to the feelings of a man than the payment of his plighted salary. They show to him that he is cared for by his people, and there then springs up in his bosom a feeling of attachment and affection for his people; a feeling that contributes to his happiness, to his energy and to his usefulness. Ah! when are there to be found, those who are critical and fault-finding towards their Minister, exacting a great deal from him in the way of attention, who have never shown any interest in his comfort; who though they enjoyments and luxuries, have never asked nor cared to know how their Minister was clothed or fed or furnished with the necessary means for his comfort and efficiency. It would be well if these things were more frequently considered, and that congregations should remember that whilst they require attention, their Ministers have a right to look for sympathy and

In closing this Address, I would make a remark or two on the general state of the Church in these United States. The past year has been one of mortification to the Church, from the various evidences of unsoundness and infidelity that have been developed within her borders. Whilst melancholy occurrences of defection should be a stern rebuke to the vain glorious boasting and to the insidious and pharisaical comparison which we have too freely indulged, they should teach us a lesson of which we should be careful to remember and to respect. We clearly see that the peace and safety of the Church depend upon a strict adherence to the teachings of the Prayer Book, and to the mode of conducting the worship of the Church as established by the common law of usage. When people become restless and dissatisfied with the established usages and worship of the Church, and go behind the Prayer Book even to the period of the dark ages, to justify innovations, they plainly show that there is something wrong with themselves; they prove that they have an undutiful and rebellious spirit, their deference and zeal for antiquity and catholicity is nothing more than an indulgence of an obstinate and perverted self-will. It is not to be wondered at, that such persons, and well indeed that it is so, meeting with no success in their efforts at reform, and justly encountering the censure and rebuke of the sound and the sober part of the Church, become disaffected and bitter, and leave the Church under the plea of being persecuted, since they cannot have their own way and be independent of those whom they ought to respect and obey. And yet amid the discouragement and afflictions of the times, there is this to comfort and encourage us as well as to assure, that the great body of the Church is becoming more thoroughly united in opinion and practice, and that however there may be minor differences there is one general acquiescence in the belief that the Protestant Episcopal Church is to us in these United States the one true Catholic and Apostolic Church, and that it is our bounden christian duty to conform to her discipline, and worship, as set forth in her articles and offices, her canons and

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## A CHARGE TO THE CLERGY, BY THE BISHOP OF ALABAMA.

The undersigned, cherishing as he hopes, an earnest desire for the increase of true piety within the bounds of his Diocese, and at the same time wishing to comply with the injunctions of the 27th Canon of the General Convention, would respectfully and affectionately address a brief word of exhortation to the Clergy, in the way of a charge on a single point of duty, which he regards of great practical importance—the duty of diligently urging upon their congregations the reverent and scrupulous observance of the ceremonies and sacraments of the Church. We live in an age that is eminently irreverent—in which the great popular tendency is to disregard divine institutions—to undervalue and to throw off all the forms of devotion, however sanctioned by age and wisdom—and to make religion consist in inward emotions and exercises—in abstract theories and speculations. It is not generally regarded as an act of duty, of christian obligation, to give expression to the feelings and purposes of the heart through the ceremonies and sacraments of the Church. The consequence is, that the preaching of the word, however able and faithful and zealous, is to a very great extent, labor spent in vain. However much there may be from time to time of religious convictions and purposes awakened in the bosom of the members of a congregation by the spirit of God accompanying the ministration of the word; yet these convictions and purposes not being developed and fastened by the formal signs and pledges of the sacraments of the Church are continually evaporated, and the minister of the Gospel, as year after year rolls round—sees after all his labor and prayers, and exhortation no addition to the number of his communicants—no increase in the zeal and spirit of his congregation—no evidence of the influence of the Church around him.

Now, in very many cases, this cold and barren state of things exists,—not because the word hath not been faithfully and ably preached;—nor is it because the spirit of God hath not accompanied the preaching of that word, but because the young and tender principle of life formed in the soul by the new creating power of the Holy Ghost has not been duly fed and cherished and strengthened through the divinely appointed ordinances of the Church;—because the outward development has not kept pace with the inward work of grace on the heart;—in a word, because the new life formed in the soul is suffocated and starved to death for want of air, and light, and food. In order therefore, to obviate this evil, and to make the ministry of the word more efficient and useful, let there not only be sound evangelical preaching—the clear setting forth of the great doctrine of salvation through the merits and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ; but let there be constantly and diligently urged as a duty, the observance of the ceremonies and sacraments of the Church, as the appointed means to elicit, to strengthen, to fasten, and to secure the pious and holy impressions caused by that preaching;—let not only good seed be carefully planted, but let it be duly protected by proper hedges and fences;—let not only faith be preached according to the teachings of the Church as the great principle of the sinner's justification;—but let it be distinctly and earnestly urged that that faith must be externally developed, otherwise it will be vapid and inoperative;—that an unwillingness to give the outward sign of expression, is an evidence of a defect or an error in the inward principle of faith. In this way, by inculcating the necessity of the outward development through the ordinances of the Church, as well as by distinctly teaching the fundamental and vital truths of the Gospel, the preaching of the word will be instrumental of greater and more



permanent good ;—pious impressions will be retained—holy resolutions, being formally ratified, will serve as a bond and a pledge to prompt to watchfulness and to secure fidelity and perseverance ;—the good seed being protected and nursed and looked after, will neither be rooted out of the ground nor blown away by the winds ;—and the faithful minister of the gospel will have his heart gladdened and his energies quickened by seeing his congregations not only gaining in numerical strength, but growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. And here in confirmation of these views, the undersigned would remark, that amongst those christian societies around us, which claim to be eminently spiritual and evangelical, and are remarkable for their seasons of large ingatherings—one prominent feature in their services—and one of the efficient means of their success is the urging of a decided and prompt expression of the inward emotions and purposes of the heart, by complying with some prescribed sign or token of manifestation.

Again, he would earnestly press the importance of regularly instructing the Children of our congregations in the doctrine, discipline and liturgy of the Church, and of inculcating upon them the obligation and the benefit of reverently observing the forms and offices which the Church in her wisdom and piety has provided. It is melancholy to observe how large a portion of the baptized children are ignorant of the Church, and careless of her sanctions—are irreverent in their attendance upon the sanctuary, and worldly minded and irreligious in their lives. One great reason of this discouraging state of things is the general neglect of the forms and the offices of the Church. By this neglect, children imbibe the spirit and conform to the habits of the irreligious world around them ; they become irreverent, undutiful, and even ashamed of their christian vows and obligations ; they thus stifle their religious sensibilities ; they do violence to their moral feelings and principles—they resist the motions of the Holy Spirit of Grace ; and by ceasing to use the offices of Religion, they gradually lose the influence of the Gospel on their lives—and unhappily in many cases become hardened, reprobate, lost. Now in order to guard against these fearful evils, let parents be urged to be careful and conscientious in having their children well instructed in the catechism ; let them see to it that their children are trained up with great reverence for the Church as a Divine Institution, and in the familiar use of her offices. Let it be pressed as the first and great duty of parents to bring up their children in the worship and fear of God. Let children be taught to unite in the services of the Church, reverently, solemnly, and understandingly. Let them learn that it is not only a gross impropriety of manners—but a sinful thing to be light and irreverent in the house of God, or even to fail to unite in the worship offered to his name. In this way children would grow up, not as heathens and pagans, but as well instructed and dutiful members of the Church ; they would be respectful, reverent and devout in their attendance upon the sanctuary, they would rise superior to the fearful influence of false shame, their religious sensibilities would be kept tender and delicate, the pious purposes formed in their souls by the Holy Ghost would be confirmed and established, a wall of defence and protection would be thrown around them, and they would thus become, through the grace and mercy of God, renewed in the spirit of their minds, and consistent in their lives, a comfort to their Parents, and an ornament to the Church of Christ. We can never hope to see the Church grow and flourish, and come up to the full measure of her usefulness and influence till our children are taught reverently to respect the Church, the authority, the institutions, and the Ministry of the Church ; devoutly to unite in her prescribed worship ; to regard her Sacraments as divinely appointed means of grace—and therefore to look upon the due reception of those Sacraments not only as a duty, but as a privilege, an honor, and a blessing.

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The reading of Parochial Reports was then resumed and concluded; and on motion, said Reports were referred to the Committee on the state of the Church:

**CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA**—Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, Rector,  
Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Assistant.

Baptisms; White, adults 1, infants 8,.....	Total, 9
Colored, adults 3, infants 6,.....	" 9
Confirmations; White, 5, colored, 6,.....	" 11
Marriages; White, 1, colored, 1,.....	" 2
Deaths; White, 4,.....	" 4
Communicants; White, added 8, removed 5, present number,.....	47
Colored, added 6,.....	" 7
Sunday Schools; Teachers 7, scholars, white, 25,.....	" 32
Library; Number of Books,.....	200
Communion; Number of times administered—the first Sunday in each month and on the larger Festivals.	
Offerings at Communion, about.....	\$100
Divine Service; Number of times celebrated—generally twice every Sunday, and once every Wednesday and Friday, and on the principal Festival and Fast days.	

With few exceptions, services have also been held for the negroes once every Sunday.

The weekly offertory established last year is still kept up, and the sittings of the Church are all free.

**TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS**—J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

Baptisms; White, adults, , infants, 2,.....	Total, 2
Colored " ,.....	" 0
Confirmations: White, , colored ,.....	" 0
Marriages; White, , colored, ,.....	" 0
Deaths, White, , colored, ,.....	" 0
Communicants; White, added 1, colored , died , removed, 4,.....	" 14
Sunday Schools; Teachers 6, scholars, about 20, colored ,....	" 26
Library; Number of Books, about 200 vols.	
Communion; Number of times administered,.....	3
Offerings at Communion,.....	0
Collections,.....	\$33
Divine Service usually twice every Sunday, when roads and weather would allow.	

This Parish is still without a Church building. The Ladies of the Parish, by their perseverance and industry, have made eight or nine hundred dollars, which is now in hand as a building fund. It is supposed that the work will be commenced some time this summer or fall.

**ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHAWBA**—REV. W. J. ELLIS.

Baptisms; White, adults, , infants, 12,.....	Total, 12
Deaths; White, 2, colored, ,.....	" 2
Communicants; White, added, 5, died, , removed . Present No.	10
Communion; Number of times administered,.....	6
Collections,.....	\$40

I have been absent from both of my Parishes nearly four months. In Apalachicola I held service forty-two times and preached thirty-two times.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON—J. M. BANISTER.

Baptisms ; White, adults, , infants, ,.....	Total, 0
Colored, infants, 11,.....	" 11
Confirmations ; White, 2, colored, ,.....	" 2
Marriages ; White, , colored, ,.....	" 0
Deaths ; White, 1, colored, ,.....	" 1
Communicants ; White, added, 2, died 1, removed, 2,.....	" 14
Sunday School ; Teachers 4, scholars, white, 18, col'd, ,.....	" 18
Library ; Number of Books,.....	0
Communion ; Number of times administered,.....	3
Offerings at Communion,.....	\$5
Collections,.....	\$75
Divine Service ; Number of times celebrated—usually twice every Sunday, that rain or bad roads did not prevent a congregation.	

## ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY—R. A. COBBS.

Baptisms ; White, infants, 3, .....	3
Colored, infants, 10,.....	10
Confirmations ; White, 1,.....	1
Deaths ; White, 1,.....	1
Communicants ; White, added 3, present number.....	13
Colored, removed, 1 " " .....	3
Sunday School ; Teachers, 5, scholars, col'd. 50, .....	50
Communion ; Number of times administered,.....	7
Offerings at Communion, \$76 60, of which \$43 35 were for special purposes.	
Divine Service ; Number of times celebrated—at the Church, 39, at other places, 33, total,.....	72

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS, RUSSELL CO.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Deacon, officiating.

Baptisms ; White, adult, 1,.....	1
Colored, infants 13,.....	13
Confirmations ; No visitation.	
Communion ; Not administered, the Minister being in Deacon's orders.	
Communicants ; White, added, 1, present number,.....	3
Divine Service ; Number of times celebrated,.....	8

I took charge of this Parish on the first of January last, and have officiated there once on each alternate Sunday since. The congregations are respectable and attentive. There are in the Parish several persons to be confirmed.

Connected with this Parish, is a large congregation of servants for whom I have had service and a sermon each Sunday, and on many occasions, two. They are much interested in the services. Among them are many communicants ; and it would have been quite easy to report a large number of candidates for confirmation to this Convention. But it is better to hasten slowly than to retrace our steps. Another year we trust the statistics will show a visible return for the very lively interest which their owners manifest in their spiritual welfare. By patient instruction they have learned the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Catechism of the Church. They have a Church edifice of their own, St. Cyprian's, and it is my purpose to devote an increased portion of my time to them, if it please God, during the ensuing year.

In addition to the above services, I desire to report the baptism of two white infants in another Diocese, and the celebration of Divine Service forty times before I entered upon any regular charge.

## CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE—N. P. KNAPP.

Baptisms ; White, adults, 7, infants, 41,.....	Total, 48
Colored, adults, 1, infants, 1,.....	" 2
Confirmations ; White, 9, colored, 3,.....	" 12
Marriages ; White, 9, colored, ,.....	9
Deaths ; White, 16, colored, ,.....	16
Communicants ; White, added, 24, died, 2, removed 9. Present No.	164
Colored, added, 1, died, , removed, .	" " 4
Sunday Schools ; Teachers, 20, scholars, white, 100, col'd. 20. Total,	120
Library ; Number of Books,.....	300
Communion ; Number of times administered,.....	15
Offerings at Communion,.....	\$339.50
Collections ; For domestic Missions,.....	257.00
S. S. Bishop Polk Miss. Society, for education of heathen youth,	100.00
Divine Service—Number of times administered,.....	177

The condition of the Parish is very encouraging. The congregation is large and attentive, and the income of the pew rents is upwards of one thousand dollars greater than it was at the close of the year ending on Easter day, 1849.

The word of God has been effectual to the conversion of some souls from the way of error to the way of truth and godliness, and to bringing them into communion with the Church.

The number of communicants reported, does not embrace all perhaps who sometimes commune at our altar. But it is a fair showing of our strength. More persons would have been confirmed, had the Bishop's visit been postponed till Easter. Some were prevented from presenting themselves by sickness and other causes. And there are now several candidates waiting the visitation of the Bishop.

Divine service is celebrated twice on Sundays, except during the summer months, when there is but one service in the Church. On two Sundays in each summer month, the Rector has evening service in the country. The Church is open for prayers every Wednesday morning, and for service and sermon every Friday night during the cooler half of the year.

A Bible class for the members of the Church generally, has been organized, which meets at the house of the Rector every Thursday evening. It has been well attended and promises to be interesting and useful.

The Sunday School has been visited frequently and catechised. It is in a flourishing condition.

The Sunday School for colored persons is not very well attended. It is under the efficient management of one of our intelligent and pious laymen, and it is hoped that more of the servants of our people will be brought within reach of the instruction so ably and so willingly offered.

The Rector regrets, that he cannot consistently, with urgent duties at home, attend the Convention, but under his disappointment is sustained by a recollection of many undeserved mercies for which he returns thanks to God.

N. P. KNAPP.

## ST. JOHN'S, TUSCUMBIA—J. B. T. SMITH.

Baptisms ; White, adults, , infants, 8,.....	Total, 8
Confirmations ; White, , colored, 2,.....	" 2
Marriages ; White, , colored, 2,.....	" 3
Deaths ; White, , colored, 1,.....	" 1
Communicants ; White, added, 2, died, 1, removed, 3. Pres. No.	10
Communion ; Administered monthly,	
Divine Service ; Celebrated 30 times.	

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE—D. D. FLOWER.

Baptisms ; White, adults, 1,* infants, 7,.....	Total, 8
Colored, adults, , infants, ,.....	" 0
Confirmations ; White, 2, colored, ,.....	" 2
Communicants ; White, added, 4, died, , removed, .	Present No. 11
Colored, added, , died, , removed, ,	" 1
Sunday Schools ; Teachers, , scholars, white, 15, colored, 2,...	Total, 17
Communion ; Number of times administered,.....	12
Offerings at Communion,.....	\$15,19
Collections ; For Bp's salary, Bp's fund, &c.....	15,36
Divine Service ; Number of times celebrated,.....	136

## CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE—H. C. LAY, Rector.

Baptisms ; White, adult, 1, infants, 5,.....	Total, 6
Colored, adults, 3, infants, 4,.....	" 7
Confirmations ; White, 3,.....	" 3
Marriages ; Colored, 1,.....	" 1
Deaths ; White, 4,.....	" 4
Communicants ; White, added, 8, (6 from other cures,) died, 2, removed, 1. Present number, .....	29
Sunday School ; Teachers 5, scholars, 40,.....	40
Communion ; Number of times administered, .....	12
Offerings at Communion,.....	\$50 10
Additional Poor Relief dispensed by the Minister of the Parish, .....	\$77 00
Contributed to Domestic Missions, .....	\$67 25
" Diocesan Missions, .....	23 00
" Bible Society, .....	17 00
Divine Service celebrated 96 times.	

The Rector of this Parish has been disabled by sickness for one half of the past year ; during that time his duties have been discharged by the Rev. Mr. Robertson, to whom the undersigned has been, and continues to be much indebted for supplying his lack of service. The undersigned deeply regrets that he cannot meet with his brethren in Convention ; considerations of duty alone detain him at home.

HENRY C. LAY.

## TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

Baptisms ; White, adults, 7, infants, 31,.....	Total, 38
Colored, adults, 1, infants, ,.....	" 1
Confirmations ; White, 16, colored ,.....	" 16
Marriages ; White, 15, colored ,.....	" 15
Deaths ; White, 35, colored, ,.....	" 35
Communicants ; White, added, 34, dismissed, 1, died, 2, removed 8, .....	" 125
Sunday Schools ; Teachers, 11, scholars, white, 70,.....	" 70
Library ; Number of Books,.....	" 205
Communion, Number of times administered, .....	15
Offerings at Communion, .....	\$138 30
Collections, .....	\$144. 35
Divine Service ; Number of times celebrated, .....	177

The Free School of the Parish, which is an object of increasing interest to the congregation, and to Episcopalians in Mobile generally, numbers 105 scholars, taught by two young ladies.

\* Of St. John's, Elyton.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—Rev. J. H. LINEBAUGH, late Rector.

Baptisms; White, adult, 1, infants 3,.....	Total, 4
Confirmations; (for the Parish).....	" 3
Communicants; added, 3. Present number,.....	" 37
Marriages; (white,).....	" 2
Deaths, .....	" 3
Sunday School; Teachers, 4, scholars, 30,.....	" 34
Services twice every week.	
Communion; administered monthly.	

To the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D.D., Bp. Prot. Ep. Church in Alabama :

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR:—The above is a statement of the condition of this Church up to the time that I resigned it, in November. The want of support, equal to the wants of my family, alone induced the step of resigning the post assigned me in the Lord's vineyard. To resign a connection so dear to me, and filled with so many cherished feelings and associations, was the most painful act of my life. The struggle was more painful than I anticipated. I never can forget, and hope and pray I may never desire to forget the happy relations, and pleasant state of feeling, which always subsisted between my parishioners and myself, as also between my Bishop and brethren of the Diocese of Alabama, and myself. I shall carry with me through life, as a sacred and cherished treasure, the recollection of the kind and fraternal feeling ever manifested toward me by my brethren, but particularly by my first and venerated Diocesan.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'—J. S. MARBURY, Rector.

Baptisms; White adults, 2, infants, 4,.....	Total, 6
Colored, adults, , infants, 4,.....	" 4
Confirmations; White, 5, colored, 1,.....	" 6
Marriages, White, 1,.....	" 1
Deaths; White, 4, colored, 2,.....	" 6
Communicants; White, added, 5, removed, 1,.....	" 60
Colored, " 1, died, 1,.....	" 2
Sunday School; Teachers, 3, scholars,.....	" 30
Library; Number of books,.....	" 300
Collections,.....	\$159 65

In consequence of ill health the Rector was compelled to be absent several months in the past year from his charge. He cannot therefore report an accurate account of services performed. The Parish it is hoped and believed, is still advancing. In addition to the other contributions, \$200 have been expended in repairing the Church.

NORFOLK, VA., May 1st, 1850.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR:—Being still canonically connected with the Diocese of Alabama, it becomes my duty in view of the approaching Annual Convention to be held in Greensboro', to make my annual Report to you.

Having no parochial charge, I, of course, have no regular services to report. During the period of my residence in Columbus, Miss., it was my custom to preach on three Sundays in the month at as many different places of worship in the surrounding country. On the first Sunday in the month I usually assisted the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus, in the administration of the Communion and very frequently preached for him.

A. S. SMITH.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY—J. H. MORRISON.

Baptisms ; white, adults, 5, infants, 25, .....	Total, 30
Confirmations ; White 14, colored, 1, .....	" 15
Marriages ; white, 6, colored, .....	" 6
Deaths ; white, 2, colored, .....	" 2
Communicants ; White, added, 20, died, 1, removed, 9. Pres. No. ....	" 68
Colored, added, 1, died, , removed " .....	" 5
Sunday Schools ; Teachers, 6, scholars, white, 40, colored, , ..	" 40
Library ; Number of Books, .....	200
Communion ; Number of times administered—at Montgomery 11 times, Mt. Meigs 1, ....	12
Offerings at Communion, .....	\$75 05
Collections ; For Domestic Missions, \$90 ; Diocesan, \$2.50 ; Sun- day School, \$16 ; for building a Church at Auburn, \$73 ; Christ- mas Collection for permanent Bishop's Fund, \$30.75 ; Collection for the same object by the Agent, \$1006. Total, .....	\$1,217.25
Divine Service ; Number of times celebrated—Montgomery, 120 times, Mt. Meigs, 20, Robertson's, 1, Prattville, 2, Tallassee, 1. Total, 144.	

In addition to what has been stated above, the Rector would remark that there has been a considerable increase of the congregation during the past year.

The services at Mt. Meigs have been well attended, and the prospects of the Church at that point are considered favorable.

The wish has long been entertained to have a regular service for the blacks. A commencement has lately been made, which the Rector hopes to be able to continue.

## UNION PARISH, MARENGO AND PERRY COUNTIES,

E. C. MURDAUGH, Rector.

Baptisms ; white, adults, 3 infants, 3, .....	Total, 6
Colored, adults, , infants, 9, .....	" 9
Confirmations ; White, 4, .....	" 4
Marriages ; White, 4, colored, 4, .....	" 8
Deaths ; White, 2, colored, 2, .....	" 4
Communicants ; White, added, 9, removed, 4, .....	" 35
Colored, " , " , .....	" 15
Communion ; Administered about 8 times.	
Collections, .....	\$425

Divine Service usually celebrated twice on Sunday—in the morning for white—afternoon for colored congregations.

In regard to Sunday Schools the Minister reports that several members of the congregation are still engaged in catechising colored children. A handsome lot in Union-Town, of nearly three acres, has been lately presented to the Parish by four or five individuals. On this lot it is proposed to build a Rectory. More than 1,100 have been subscribed for the purpose of building the Rectory.

## TRINITY, FLORENCE—J. B. T. SMITH.

Baptisms ; White, adults, , infants, 2, .....	Total, 2
Colored, adults, , infants, 12, .....	" 12
Confirmations ; White, 1, colored, .....	" 1
Deaths ; White, 5, colored, .....	" 5
Communicants ; White, added, 2, died, 1, removed, 2. Pres. No. ....	14
Communion ; Administered monthly.	
Divine Service ; Celebrated 45 times.	

## AUBURN CHURCH—WM. SCULL.

Baptisms : White, adults, 1, infants, 9,.....	Total, 9
Confirmations : White, 5, colored, 2,.....	" 7
Marriages : White,.....	1
Deaths : White, 1, colored, 2,.....	" 3
Communicants : White, added, 7, died, , removed, 3. Pres. No.	" 9
Communion : Administered 9 times.	
Divine Service : Celebrated about 200 times.	
St. John's in the Wilderness, and Tuskegee: on account of their distance from me, I have relinquished : of the Perry, the Rev. Mr. Cushman has taken charge.	

## ST. MICHAEL'S, MARION—W. A. STICKNEY.

Baptisms : White, adults, 2, infants 7, col'd. adults, 2, infants, 9, Total,	20
Confirmations : White, 9, colored, 1,.....	" 10
Marriages : White, 1, colored, ,.....	" 1
Deaths : White, 2, (not communicants,).....	" 2
Communicants : White, added, 6, removed, 2, col'd. added, 1. Pt. No.	25
Sunday School : Catechist, 1, scholars, white, 18,.....	Total, 19
Communion : Administered 20 times.	
Offerings at Communion,.....	\$127 00
Divine Service : Celebrated 308 times.	

I would add, that the above offerings were made generally at special notice, to be applied to the chancel of a new temporary house of worship, which is to be Church property for the Parish School now twelve months in operation. In addition to all the Festival and Fasts of the Church, Morning and Evening Prayers have also been offered on the Litany days, unless ill health prevented, or hot weather. When hindered in this latter way, the full service is generally used in the household of servants and boys.

The attendance on these week day services is small; but this does not make the duty less on either party; and I only regret that for the present the services cannot be increased in frequency.

COLUMBUS, GEO., May, 1850.

To the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D.D., Bishop of the  
Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama :

In conformity with the canon in such cases provided, I have to report, that on the 3d of March last, constrained by important duties, I retired from the Parishes of St. Stephen's and St. Mark's, and became Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Columbus Geo. My canonical relations to the Diocese remain unchanged; and I still hope Providence may permit a return to, or near to, the field of my first labors. It may be here added, that I have services every Sunday night in the village of Girard, Russell Co. Ala. These services are well attended by a congregation which seems desirous of such *regular* and *certain* instruction as the Church affords.

Since the last Convention, owing to the lateness of my ordination to the priestly office, and to inclement weather on the appointed days, I have administered the Holy Communion only seven times. I have Baptised one Adult and three Infants, (1 Negro :) Buried two Infants, (1 Negro :) Married too couples.

Held public services, generally followed by preaching, one hundred and sixteen times. This includes all services up to the present date.



Commending my late Parishes, until their wants shall be supplied, to the care and sympathy of the neighboring Clergy, whose "labor shall not be in vain in the Lord."

I am, very Respectfully,

Your Bro. in the Gospel,

J. H. TICKNOR.

The Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRIDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Wm. H. Lucas, from St. John's Church, Montgomery, appeared and took his seat as Lay Delegate.

Reports of Treasurer were presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Certificate of the election of Delegates from St. John's Church in the Prairies, was presented and referred to the Committee on Certificates, who, having examined the same, reported it as in form, and the following persons duly elected to represent said Parish in Convention, to-wit: R. W. Withers, David W. Broadnax and H. C. Robertson.

The unpaid assessments in said Parish being, on motion, in part remitted, D. W. Broadnax appeared and took his seat.

The amended Constitution, which was reported to the last Convention, was then submitted to this Convention for final action.

The same being approved by a majority of the two orders in Convention, voting separately, was accordingly adopted.

The following amendments to said Constitution were then proposed, and being approved by two-thirds of the Convention, stand over to be submitted to the next Convention, to-wit:

Proposed amendment to Article 3—Every Clergyman in Ecclesiastical connection with the Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention: provided said connection shall have been of six months duration.

Proposed amendment to Article 10—Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, a sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion—the preacher to be appointed by the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of disabled Clergymen, and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, }  
Greensboro', Saturday 9 o'clock, A. M. }**

**Convention met pursuant to adjournment.**

The minutes of the preceding day having been read and approved, the Committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last General Convention, made the following Report:

The undersigned, Committee upon the Journal of the last General Convention, have attended to the business entrusted to them, and beg leave to report that there is nothing in the Journal aforesaid, requiring the action of this Convention, except the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Church, which the General Convention has referred to the Conventions of the Dioceses for their approval or otherwise.

*"Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that it is expedient to alter Article 1st, of the Constitution of this Church, so far as it fixes the time of the meeting of the General Convention thereof, by striking out the words "the first Wednesday in October" and substituting the words "the first Wednesday in September."*

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Ch'n.  
C. L. STICKNEY.

Greensboro', May 11, 1850.

On motion, the Convention unanimously concurred in its assent to alter Article 1st of the Constitution of the Church as suggested by the Resolution of the General Convention.

Rev. J. A. Massey, presented the following Resolutions:

*Resolved, That this Convention has heard with grateful pleasure of a gift made the Church in this Diocese of a valuable piece of property in the city of Mobile, and that the thanks of the Church are due, and are hereby returned to the generous donors, Messrs. Wm. R. Hallett, Nathaniel Williams, Geo. Poe, Jr., A. J. Ingersoll and James Campbell.*

*Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to Mr. George Cleveland, formerly of this Diocese, by whose persevering and successful efforts to secure the consent of the donors, this property has been secured to the Church.*

Which, on motion, were unanimously adopted.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Cobbs presented the Report of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society:

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, report to the Convention, that during the past year they have contributed towards sustaining three very worthy Ministers laboring in the Diocese, and have made a small appropriation to a fourth Clergyman for extra services in a new Missionary field. The Committee are more and more convinced of the importance of the Diocesan Missionary Society in extending the influence of the Church in the Diocese of Alabama. The state of the funds belonging to the Committee will appear from the accompanying report of the Treasurer.

N. H. COBBS, Ch'n. of the Committee.

**THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer,**

In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

1849.

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May, 1,	To balance, by report to Convention of this date,	\$584 67
" 18,	" Cash from St. Paul's, Greensboro,'.....	30 00
"	" St. David's, Dallas,.....	22 00
"	" St. Paul's, Selma,.....	31 40
"	" Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	28 68
"	" St. Paul's, Carlowville,.....	5 50
Nov. 28,	" Tusculumbia,.....	3 00
"	" Florence,.....	5 15
"	" Huntsville,.....	17 10
"	" Fork of Greene, (rec'd 37 00).....	11 58
1850.		
Feb. 13,	" St. Andrew's, Macon,.....	19 50
Ap'l 17,	" St. David's, by Rev. R. A. Cobbs, ..	15 00
" 24,	" Trinity Ch. Mobile, Rv. J. A. Massey	42 00

1849.

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May 18,	By cash pd. Bp. Cobb's order, Rev. J. H. Ticknor, (of 6 May)	\$50 00
June 25,	" " Rev. Wm. Scull, (of 22 May).	100 00
Dec. 8,	" " Rev. J. H. Ticknor, (of 1 Aug)	50 00
" 11,	" " Rev. D. D. Flower, (of 3 Dec.)	25 00
" 28,	" " Rev. J. H. Ticknor, (of 26 Nov)	100 00
	By balance carried down,.....	490 58

1850.

\$815,58 815 58

May 7, To balance on hand, say,..... \$490 58

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THOMAS W. McCOY, *Treasurer.*

Mobile, May 7, 1850.

On motion the Report was received.

The following persons were nominated and elected members of the Diocesan Missionary Committee :

Rev. J. S. MARBURY, Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH, Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Messrs. TAYLOE and BARNUM.

On motion, Thos. W. McCoy was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of said Society.

The amended Canons, as reported to the last Convention, were now submitted to this Convention for final action.

Canon I, Sec. 1st, was adopted without amendment.

Section 2, was amended to read thus :—In electing a Vestry any person shall be entitled to vote who is a holder or renter of one entire pew, or is a contributor to the Church to such an amount as the respective Parish shall appoint. When two or more persons shall hold or rent a pew, they shall be jointly entitled to one vote. In forming new Parishes no person shall be entitled to vote, who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association.

Section 3, was amended by striking out all after the words "for which he is elected," and inserting as follows: "provided that no person shall be qualified to act as a Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures."

Canon I, as amended, was then adopted.

The Agent of the Bishop's Fund made the following Report:

RT. REV. N. H. COBBS:

Your agent begs leave to report to this Convention, that in obedience to his appointment and resolution of the Convention, he has visited nearly all the Parishes in the Diocese during the past year, soliciting contributions to the Permanent Bishop's Fund of this Diocese; and that he has succeeded in obtaining in notes and cash, the amount of \$10,849.75, and that his expenses amounted to \$69.70, leaving \$10,780.05 subject to the order of this Convention. He regrets to report the receipt of so small an amount from the Christmas offerings—collections having only been taken up in four Parishes out of seventy-eight organized Parishes in the Diocese, and amounting to only 79.20. What more appropriate occasion can be afforded to solicit contributions to aid in the maintenance of the Apostolical Head of the Church in this Diocese than when we assemble together to worship and rejoice at the Nativity of our Saviour—the Divine Head of our Holy and Apostolic Church? At a time when all hearts are open, I am sure if the opportunity were offered many would freely contribute to the aid of so worthy an object. I take this occasion to return my thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me by the friends of the Church and others, whilst I was engaged in the pursuance of the above object.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, Agent.

He herewith presents a list of contributors to the Permanent Bishop's Fund, as part and parcel of this Report:

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

St. John's Church, Montgomery,	-	-	-	\$30 75
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	-	-	-	5 00
St. David's Parish, Dallas County.	-	-	-	20 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,	-	-	-	23 45
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				\$79 20

ST. DAVID'S.

John Ellerbe,	-	-	-	-	\$150 00
A. W. Ellerbe,	-	-	-	-	200 "
J. J. Pegues,	-	-	-	-	25 "
E. H. Pegues, Mrs.	-	-	-	-	200 "
N. B. Pegues,	-	-	-	-	50 "
James H. Dubose.	-	-	-	-	200 "
R. A. Cobbs,	-	-	-	-	50 "
E. Irby, Miss.,	-	-	-	-	50 "
H. Pegues, Mrs.,	-	-	-	-	50 "
E. P. Ellerbe,	-	-	-	-	200 "
J. A. Smith, annually,	-	-	-	-	10 "
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					\$1185 00
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					\$1264 20

Brought forward, - - - - \$1264 20

## CARLOWVILLE.

H. L. Alison, - - - -	\$50 00
E. M. Lee, - - - -	50 "
W. W. Lang, - - - -	50 "
Francis J. Lee, - - - -	25 "
J. Martin Lee, - - - -	50 "
J. H. Alison, - - - -	20 "
Theodore B. Lee, - - - -	25 "
Benjamin Reynolds, - - - -	25 "
	<hr/> \$ 305 00

## PLEASANT HILL.

Thedasia Hunter, Mrs., - - - -	\$35 00
W. B. Townsend, - - - -	25 "
	<hr/> \$ 60 00

## ST. PETER'S, CHURCH HILL.

W. H. Chambliss, - - - -	\$25 00
Paul Lee, - - - -	40 "
R. P. McCord, - - - -	75 "
John Adams, - - - -	50 "
J. P. Broun, - - - -	100 "
Edward A. McCord, - - - -	25 "
	<hr/> \$ 315 00

## CHRIST CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE.

A. Douglass, - - - -	\$15 00
N. Cook, - - - -	25 "
G. C. Thurber, - - - -	25 "
	<hr/> \$ 65 00

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.

S. B. Gee, Mrs., - - - -	\$10 00
W. Waddill, - - - -	75 "
A. G. Mabry, - - - -	75 "
A. White, - - - -	50 "
J. W. Strong, - - - -	25 "
William Lowry, - - - -	10 "
William Jamieson, - - - -	2 50
J. R. Purnell, - - - -	50 00
A. G. Jeffries, - - - -	25 "
Mrs. Smith, - - - -	100 "
M. S. Gardner, Mrs., - - - -	50 "
W. Ickes, - - - -	50 "
J. Morgan, - - - -	30 "
Mrs. Jeffries, - - - -	25 "
	<hr/> \$577 50
	<hr/> \$2586 70

Brought forward, - - - \$258

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHAWBA.

C. C. Pegues,	-	-	-	\$50 00
W. E. Byrd,	-	-	-	50 00
John A. English,	-	-	-	25 00
G. R. Evans,	-	-	-	50 00
R. H. Stoutenborough,	-	-	-	25 00
W. A. Bean,	-	-	-	50 00
R. H. Smith,	-	-	-	25 00
E. W. Pettine,	-	-	-	50 00

\$ 325

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS, - \$ 200

ST. PAULS, CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.

F. G. Stickney,	-	-	-	\$50 00
A. L. Pickens,	-	-	-	50 00
Avery, Mrs.	-	-	-	25 00
Pastour, Mrs.	-	-	-	10 00
A. Barnham,	-	-	-	50 00
R. C. Randolph,	-	-	-	200 00
Israel Pickens,	-	-	-	26 00
John L. Charles,	-	-	-	100 00
Charles L. Stickney,	-	-	-	70 00
Isaac Croom,	-	-	-	250 00

\$ 831

UNION PARISH.

David Minge,	-	-	-	\$100 00
C. Suth,	-	-	-	62 50
W. A. Christian,	-	-	-	100 00
R. W. Nicolson,	-	-	-	62 50
Henry S. Key,	-	-	-	62 50
J. M. Langhorne,	-	-	-	62 50
David W. Pitts,	-	-	-	25 00
Richard H. Adams,	-	-	-	125 00
G. W. H. Minge,	-	-	-	125 00

\$ 725

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.

J. R. Evans,	-	-	-	\$20 00
W. F. Pierce,	-	-	-	100 00
A. Wyser,	-	-	-	100 00
S. J. Chapman,	-	-	-	100 00
Alex. Jarvis,	-	-	-	50 00

\$ 370

JONESBORO'.

C. H. Williams,	-	-	-	\$50 00
Mortimer Jordan,	-	-	-	50 00

\$ 100

\$5137

Brought forward, - - - \$5137 70

ELYTON.

E. H. Hawkins, - - - \$ 50 00

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GREENE COUNTY.

John G. Friend, - - - \$100 00  
 William P. Gould, - - - 150 00  
 J. J. Thornton, - - - 125 00  
 ----- \$ 375 00

ST. JOHN'S IN THE PRAIRIES.

H. C. Robertson, - - - \$ 50 00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.

W. H. Newsom, - - - \$ 50 00

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA.

Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, - - - \$100 00  
 M. Tuomey, - - - 50 00  
 S. G. Leach, - - - 25 00  
 John Marrast, - - - 100 00  
 Cash, - - - 5 00  
 ----- \$ 280 00

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.

F. S. Lyon, - - - \$ 50 00

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE.

M. H. Armistead, Mrs. - - - \$25 00  
 J. B. T. Smith, - - - 50 00  
 Mary Hood, Mrs. - - - 50 00  
 ----- \$ 125 00

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

John M. Robertson, - - - \$100 00  
 C. C. Clay, Jr. - - - 62 50  
 S. Cruce, - - - 62 50  
 J. Y. Bassett, - - - 37 50  
 James Wilson, - - - 20 00  
 Henry C. Lay, - - - 10 00  
 C. C. Clay, Sen. - - - 160 00  
 John W. Clay, - - - 62 50  
 Francis J. Levert, - - - 100 00  
 R. B. Norvill, - - - 25 00  
 T. S. McCally, - - - 100 00  
 M. C. Betts, Mrs. - - - 25 00  
 G. P. Beirne, - - - 300 00  
 -- Skeggs, (annually) - - - 5 00  
 ----- \$1060 00  
 \$7177 70

Brought forward, - - -

\$7177

## CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

W. P. Hammond,	-	-	-	-	\$300 00
R. R. Stockdell,	-	-	-	-	2 50
Cash,	-	-	-	-	5 00
John Reynolds,	-	-	-	-	10 00
J. Emanuel,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Franklin W. McCoy,	-	-	-	-	10 00
G. W. Moore,	-	-	-	-	5 00
James Tait,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Charles F. Stickney, (annually)	-	-	-	-	10 00
William M. Garrow,	-	-	-	-	100 00
William H. Ross,	-	-	-	-	5 00
H. O. Brewer,	-	-	-	-	5 00
A. Brooks, Mrs.	-	-	-	-	2 00
Henry Farrarr, (annually,)	-	-	-	-	5 00
Emanuel Jones,	-	-	-	-	300 00
Wm. Alderson,	-	-	-	-	100 00
Mrs. King,	-	-	-	-	2 50
James M. Battle,	-	-	-	-	300 00
Samuel G. Battle,	-	-	-	-	300 00
George Martin,	-	-	-	-	200 00
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## TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.

Rev. J. A. Massey,	-	-	-	-	\$150 00
C. A. Bradford,	-	-	-	-	125 00
T. Lesesne,	-	-	-	-	100 00
A. S. Haden,	-	-	-	-	150 00
J. F. Jerrett, (annually.)	-	-	-	-	20 00
Robert Cowan,	-	-	-	-	3 00
Wm. Rix,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Dade W. Thompson,	-	-	-	-	3 00
Wm. K. Thurber,	-	-	-	-	25 00
J. J. Adams, (Steamer Mary Clifton,)	-	-	-	-	25 00
S. B. Allen,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Capt. Johnson, of the Steamer Lowndes, Jr.	-	-	-	-	25 00
" Cox, " " Emperor,	-	-	-	-	25 00
					<hr/> \$ 661

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

C. T. Pollard,	-	-	-	-	\$250 00
Rev. J. H. Morrison,	-	-	-	-	20 00
R. A. Calclough,	-	-	-	-	25 00
T. B. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	200 00
G. F. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	150 00
Wm. Knox,	-	-	-	-	150 00
A. R. Bell,	-	-	-	-	25 00
A. P. Pfister,	-	-	-	-	20 00
M. J. Conley,	-	-	-	-	100 00
Thomas Welsh,	-	-	-	-	30 00
Hugh N. Crawford,	-	-	-	-	25 00
R. J. Thorn, Jr.,	-	-	-	-	5 00
A. G. Gooch,	-	-	-	-	5 00
					<hr/> \$1005
					<hr/> \$10520



Brought forward, - - - \$10,520 70

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

L. H. Anderson, - - - \$200 00

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.

G. P. Tayloe,	-	-	-	\$100 00
Wm. Bell, Jr.,	-	-	-	31 25
Thomas Jeffries,	-	-	-	5 00
Mrs. Tayloe,	-	-	-	62 50
				<hr/> \$198 75

			\$10,919 45
Deduct Travelling expenses,	.	.	69 70
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\$10,849 75

On motion, the following Resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That the report of H. A. Tayloe, Esq., the agent for the Bishop's Fund be received, and that the thanks of this Convention be returned to said agent for his unremitting exertions, and his highly valuable services in collecting subscriptions to the said fund.

*Resolved*, That said agency be continued for the ensuing year, and that he be requested to continue his efforts in collecting in aid of the Bishop's Fund.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following Report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they have examined the Journal of last Convention, and find nothing requiring the action of this Convention.

D. D. FLOWER, Chr'n.

Which, on motion, was received and the Committee discharged.

The following Resolution was offered and adopted :

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourns, it shall adjourn to meet in St. John's Church, Montgomery, on the 2nd Thursday in May, 1851.

Certain Resolutions from the Vestry of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Convention then took a recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service the Convention resumed its business.

John D. Phelan appeared and took his seat as delegate from St. Michael's Church, Marion.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for members of the Standing Committee. Two of the Clergy requiring the vote to be taken by orders, the Rev. Mr. Banister

was appointed teller to take the vote of the Clergy, and Mr. A. W. Ellerbe to take the vote of the Laity. The vote being taken and counted, the Rev. Messrs. Knapp, Masse and Morrison of the Clergy, and Messrs. Lesesne, Aliso and Boone, of the Laity, were declared duly elected.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, voting as before, by orders. The votes being counted, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected:—Messrs. Morrison, Knapp, Banister and Lay, of the Clergy—Messrs. Tayloe, Conley, Benners and Taylor, of the Laity.

On motion, the following gentlemen were re-elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund:—Messrs. Croom, Tayloe and Pierce.

On motion, the Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. N. P. Knapp, and Messrs. Alison, A. W. Ellerbe and Simpson, were elected members of the Standing Committee of the "Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama."

The Convention proceeded to the election of Lay members of the Bible, Tract, and Prayer Book Committee. Messrs. Lesesne, Jones and Hammond were elected.

The Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.



**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO, }**  
**FRIDAY, 4 O'CLOCK, P. M. }**

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Morrison was called to the chair by the President.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report:

The Committee on Finance report the different accounts referred to them, correct, the particulars of which will appear in the Journal.

The following is recommended as a basis for the assessment of the different Parishes, for the payment of the Bishop's salary, and also the annexed assessment for contingent expenses, and that the delegates be requested to settle before the adjournment of the Convention :

Bishop's Assessment. Contingent Expenses.	
Christ Church, Mobile,.....	\$400,00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	125, "
St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....	200, "
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	130, "
Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Co's..	100, "
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....	80, "
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	65, "
St. John's Church in the Prairies,.....	20, "
St. James' Church, Livingston,.....	50, "
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,.....	92,80
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes,.....	25,00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowlville,.....	25, "
St. John's Church, Tusculmbia,.....	20, "
Trinity Church, Florence,.....	25, "
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,.....	25, "
St. David's Church, Dallas Co.....	50, "
Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....	30, "
St. John's Church, in the Wilderness,...	25, "
St. James' Church, Eufaula,.....	25, "
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,.....	30, "
Trinity Church, Mobile,.....	100, "
St. Mark's Church, Greene,.....	40, "
St. Michael's Church, Marion,.....	30, "
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,.....	25, "
St. John's Church, Elyton,.....	20, "
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	\$1777,80
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	\$131,00

The Committee recommend that Trinity Church, Lafayette; Christ Church, Wetumpka; Christ Church, Hayneville, and Trinity Church, Dallas county, be entirely released from any assessment, and that all arrearages be mitted.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, viz :

1. That the Agent of the Bishop's Fund be authorized to deduct from the funds in his hands, the sum of sixty-nine dollars and seventy cents, the amount of travelling expenses incurred by him in the prosecution of his appropriate duties, under the resolution of the last Convention, and that he pay over the balance of the fund collected into the hands of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.
2. That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Convention, annually, the amount of interest upon the donations of the different Parishes to the amount of their assessments.
3. That wherever the interest on the donation of a Parish exceeds the assessment, the surplus be added to the permanent fund.
4. That the notes given by persons in the Parish of the Church of the Nativity at Huntsville to the Bishop's Fund, be credited with the interest accruing thereon to 1st May 1850.
5. That wherever any Parishes have subscribed to the Bishop's Fund, such an amount, that the interest thereon equals their assessment, they be released from any further assessment.
6. That the interest upon the contributions from the different Parishes, be credited upon their assessments.

BISHOP'S FUND,

In account with H. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

1849.

May 3, By Christ Church, Mobile,.....	\$500 00	
" Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	200 "	
" St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....	200 "	
" St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	150 "	
" St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....	100 "	
" Union Parish, Marengo and Perry,.....	100 "	
" St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	50 "	
" St. James' Church, Livingston,.....	50 "	
" St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,.....	25 "	
" St. Paul's Church, Carlisle,.....	50 "	
" St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,.....	50 "	
" St. David's Church, Dallas County,.....	50 "	
" Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....	25 "	
" St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,.....	40 "	
" Trinity Church, Mobile,.....	50 "	
" Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,.....	50 "	
		\$1690 00
June 15, By St. Mark's Church, Greene Co.....	22 50	
Aug. 11, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	10 "	
Sep. 27, " St. John's Church in the Wilderness,.....	25 "	
Nov. 12, " St. John's Church, Tusculumbia,.....	25 "	
" Trinity Church, Florence,.....	25 "	\$107 50

1849.

DR.

\$1797 50

May 5, To paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,.....	\$1690 00	
Sep. 27, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	30 "	
Nov. 12, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	50 "	\$1770 00
By balance,.....		\$27 50

## CONTINGENT FUND,

1848.	In account with HENRY A. TAYLOE, Treasurer.		
Oct. 10,	By balance,.....		\$60 85
1849.			
May 5,	" St. James' Church, Montgomery,.....	\$8 00	
	" St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	4 "	
	" St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....	4 "	
	" Union Parish, Marengo and Perry,.....	4 "	
	" St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	4 "	
	" St. James' Church, Livingston,.....	4 "	
	" Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,.....	4 "	
	" St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,.....	4 "	
	" St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,.....	4 "	
	" St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, (1848),.....	4 "	
	" St. David's Church, Dallas County,.....	4 "	
	" Trinity Church, Mobile,.....	4 "	
	" St. Michael's Church, Marion,.....	4 "	
			\$56 00
	" St. Luke's Church, Cahawba, (1847) ....	2 "	
Sept. 25,	" St. John's Church in the Wilderness,.....	5 "	
Nov. 12,	" St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,.....	16 "	
15,	" Christ Church, Mobile,.....	25 "	
	" Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	8 "	
			56 00
1849.	DR.		\$172 85
May 5,	To paid Sextons of St. Paul's Church, Selma, \$	5 00	
Aug. 1,	" " for Printing Journals, &c.,.....	145 "	
	" " Expenses, postage and freight,.....	2 15	152 15
	Balance,.....		\$20 70

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN, AND  
THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN,

1849.	In account with H. A. TAYLOE, Treasurer.		
May 1,	By balance,.....		\$37 16
5,	" Subscription from members,.....	\$145 00	
	" St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	5 "	
	" A. Benners,.....	5 "	
19,	" Note of \$164,50—Int'st. \$26,32, collected, 190 82		
21,	" F. G. Stickney,.....	10 00	
June 30	" Cash per Rev. T. S. Savage,.....	8 "	
	" Turner Wilson,.....	10 40	
Aug.	" J. P. Broun,.....	5 00	
1850.			
Jan.	" Jesse P. Taylor,.....	10 "	
April 16,	" Rev. R. A. Cobbs,.....	5 "	
	" St. David's Parish,.....	15 "	
21,	" Interest collected,.....	10 26	419 48
1849.	DR.		\$456 64
May 19,	To Note due this date,.....	\$345 82	
June 10,	" " " ".....	10 40	
1850.			
Apr. 25,	" " " ".....	100 45	456 67
	Balance,.....		03

## SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER.

One note dated March 3d, 1848,.....	\$128
“ “ May 19, 1849,.....	345
“ “ April 25, 1850,.....	100
“ “ June 2, “ .....	10
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	\$585

Which on motion was unanimously accepted.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund made their Report follows:

To the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D.D.:

DEAR SIR:—The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund beg leave to make following report. The Trustees hold the following notes:

One Note first of March, 1848, (Land payment).....	\$132 00
“ fifth of March, 1849, “ due 5th	
March, 1850, with interest added,.....	135 90
“ Due 20th May, 1851,.....	375 00
“ “ “ .....	165 00
“ “ “ .....	140 25
“ Dated May 13, 1848,.....	158 37
“ Two years interest on \$132 .....	21,12
Land payment paid March, 1850, \$116,00, .....	137 12

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\$1243 64

Christmas Offerings received at Convention,..... 79, 20

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\$1323 84

There is one land payment of \$108, due 1st Feb. 1851.

On motion, it was accepted.

The President having resumed the chair, the Committee the State of the Church made the following Report:

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report, that reviewing the history of the Diocese for the past year, with the aid of Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports, they find much to encourage and urge every Minister and member of our Church to renewed efforts for the future. As several of the Parishes have not furnished their annual reports the Committee are not able to state definitely the actual increase of the Church. But it can be safely said, that it has been quite as great as during any previous year. The present number of communicants is nearly 1 more than reported at the last Convention, and there are we trust, evident signs of an increase both of those who attend with greater frequency the services of the Church and of devout and thorough Churchmen.

The most painful circumstance of the past year is the loss of Clergymen both by death and removal to other Dioceses. When our ranks are thinned by the former cause, however much we mourn, we can but bow with submission to the divine will. But when by the latter, we are disposed to complain. And without meaning, in the smallest degree to impugn the virtues of those who have gone from us, we think there is good reason to doubt whether Ministers often increase their usefulness by changing the field of labor. As a general thing the Minister who stays longest in the same Parish will be likely to bring most souls to Christ. We are satisfied that if the Clergy now belonging to the Diocese, would consider themselves as sent by the Great Head of the Church, to their present homes, and pledged to remain in them, unless forced to leave them, the Church would

go forward with tenfold greater rapidity during the next five years than during the past five. Your Committee believe that there is no one thing of so great importance to the healthy progress of the Diocese as the permanency of her Clergy; and they can but ask the liberty, therefore, of trying to impress it upon their brethren.

There is nothing else which requires at this time the special notice of your Committee. They most heartily approve of every word of the Bishop's Charge and Address, and would recommend the publication of a thousand copies of the Charge, and that every Minister in the Diocese be required by resolution of the Convention, to read to his congregation in the Church at such time during the present year as they shall think best, both the Charge and the closing portion of the Address, (commencing with the reference to Rectories.)

All which is respectfully submitted.

● Which report was accepted.

The Convention then proceeded to the further consideration of the Canons.

Canon II, was adopted without amendment.

Canon III, Sec. 2nd, was amended by adding the following clause—"Nor shall any Parish be entitled to Lay Delegation, which shall be in arrears six months in the payment of the salary of their Minister, which may hereafter accrue."

The whole Canon thus amended was adopted.

The following was adopted as a substitute for Canon IV, to-wit:—"The qualification for a Delegate to the Convention shall be the same as for a Vestryman: except only, that no pecuniary contributions shall be a necessary qualification."

Canon V, the words—"and have subscribed the form required in Canon IV," were stricken out, and the Canon thus amended was adopted.

Canon VI, was adopted without amendment.

Canon VII, was amended by striking out the words—"and the absentees noted," and then adopted.

Canons VIII, IX and X, were adopted without amendment.

Canon XI, was amended by inserting the words "and sacrament," after the word "rite," in line 9th of sec. 1st, and thus amended was adopted.

Canon XII, adopted without amendment.

Canon XIII, sec. 1st, 3rd line, the words "clerical members of the" were inserted before the words "Standing Committee."

Sec. 3, 2nd line, the words "by furnishing him a copy," were inserted after the word "accused."

Sec. 4, 11th line, the word "from" was stricken out and the words "not of," inserted after the word "latter."

Sec. 4, 21st line, the words "by the Standing Committee, or" were stricken out.

Sec. 7, 1st line, the words "clerical members of the" were inserted before the words "Standing Committee."

Same sec. 6th line, the words "five days" were stricken out and the word "such" inserted after the word "party."

Same sec. 7th line, the words "as the Bishop shall require" were inserted after the word "deposition."

The whole Canon thus amended was then adopted.

Canons XIV, XV and XVI, were stricken out.

The following (to be numbered Canon XIV) was adopted as a substitute for Canon XVII:

"Communicants who neglect to receive the Lord's Supper to be suspended.

Any communicant who shall neglect for twelve months successively to partake of the Lord's Supper, having opportunity, shall be admonished by the Minister, and on failure to participate when occasion again offers, shall be suspended."

The following (to be numbered Canon XV,) was then proposed and adopted, to-wit:

"No proposed alteration of, or addition to the Canons, shall hereafter be considered by the Convention (unless by unanimous consent) without at least one day's notice thereof in open Convention; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein, but in such case the same shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention."

Canon XVIII, (to be numbered Canon XVI) was then adopted.

The Canons as amended were then finally adopted.

Rev J. H. Morrison presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

*Whereas*, Since the meeting of our last Convention, it having pleased Almighty God, to remove from the scene of their earthly labors, the Rev. F. Peake, and the Rev. C. S. Ives, therefore:

*Resolved*, That while we bow with submission to the will of an All-wise Providence, we deeply lament their departure as a loss to ourselves and the whole Church.

*Resolved*, That we will ever cherish their recollection as truly sincere and humble-minded Christians, sound and consistent Churchmen, and faithful Ministers of the one Catholic and Apostolic Church.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be required to have five hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention printed for distribution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Session of the Presbyterian Church, for their kindness in tendering the use of their Church for public Worship.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Greensboro' and neighborhood for their hospitality.




**Ordered**—That the Treasurer of the Diocese pay to the Sexton of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', five dollars for services rendered during this Convention.

After prayer and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, Secr'y.

AUGUSTUS BENNERS, As't Secr'y.

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 Divine Service was celebrated Morning and Evening during the sitting of the Convention.

On Sunday, May 12, Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL; the Anti-Communion service read, a sermon preached, and the Holy Communion administered by the Rt. Rev. BISHOP, the Rev. Messrs. J. S. MARBURY and W. A. STICKNEY, assisting in the distribution of the elements.

In the Afternoon, Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. W. A. STICKNEY; a sermon preached by the Rev. J. H. MORRISON, and the rite of confirmation administered by the BISHOP to ten persons.

At Night, prayers were read by the Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH, and a sermon preached by the Rev. W. J. ELLIS.

On Monday, May 13, Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. J. A. MASSEY; a sermon was preached by the Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN, and the BISHOP confirmed three persons.

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The next Annual Convention, will be held in St. John's Church, Montgomery, on the second Thursday of May, 1851.

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.**

The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion and piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity, the advantages of the ministry, and ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution:

ARTICLE 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be an annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the next preceding Convention.

ART. 3. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every clergyman in ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, being a Minister or assistant Minister of some Parish within the same, or a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority thereof, or being a President, Professor or Tutor in some Institution of learning recognized and approved by this Convention, or being unable to discharge the duties of the ministry on account of age or infirm health, or a chaplain in the Army or Navy, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Delegates, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the vestry thereof from the Church within the same.

ART. 4. Four members of the Clerical order and the delegations of four Parishes shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business: but a smaller number may adjourn.

ART. 5. The Bishop shall be President of the Convention. If he be absent, or if there be no Bishop, the Convention shall choose a President *pro tempore*, from the Presbyters present. The Bishop may make any motion which he shall judge conducive to the good of the Church; but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after

it has been discussed, before a vote thereon. He may call *special* Conventions at whatever times and places he may think necessary. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, this power shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

ART. 6. A Secretary shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public accounts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession.

ART. 7. In Convention the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate and vote as one body. But if it be required, by two Clergymen, or the delegation of two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in which case, each Clergyman shall cast one vote, and the delegation of each Parish one vote, and a majority of the votes of each order, thus cast, shall be decisive. In electing a Bishop the Laity shall vote by Parishes, as herein provided.

ART. 8. The election of a Bishop shall be made in Convention, in the following manner; The Clergy shall nominate by ballot, some fit and qualified clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States for that office, the votes of a majority of that order being necessary to constitute a choice. Such nomination shall be communicated to the Lay Delegates, and be considered by them; and if, on a ballot, it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved by a majority of the Parishes represented, he shall be then declared duly elected.

ART. 9. The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three Clergymen, and three Laymen, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Convention. Vacancies in the Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 10. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, and a sermon; and the preacher shall be appointed by the Bishop, or by the Standing Committee.

ART. 11. A proposition to alter this Constitution, shall be made in writing, and if approved by two-thirds of the Convention, shall be submitted to the next Convention; if approved by a majority of the two orders therein, voting separately, it shall be adopted: the Constitution, so altered, shall be valid.

# CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

ADOPTED IN 1850.

## CANON I.

### OF THE VESTRY OF A PARISH.

SEC. 1. In every Parish, there shall be an annual election on Easter Monday, or on such day thereafter as the Parish may appoint, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than three, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of the Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens, one of whom shall be designated as Senior Warden of the Parish. The Vestry shall elect a Secretary, whose duty shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned to him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and documents belonging to the Parish, that may be in his possession.

SEC. 2. In electing a Vestry, any person shall be entitled to vote who is a holder or renter of one entire pew, or is a contributor to the Church to such an amount as the respective Parish shall appoint. When two or more persons shall hold or rent a pew, they shall be jointly entitled to one vote. In forming new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote, who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association.

SEC. 3. No person shall be elected a Vestryman, who is not a pew-holder, or a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected; provided that no person shall be qualified to act as a Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Vestry, to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate its temporal concerns, elect and call a Minister, and provide for his maintenance; to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine worship, and in general, to act as helpers to the Minister, in whatever is appropriate to Laymen, for the furtherance of the Gospel. It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially, to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit. Parishes now incor-

porated, are excepted from any part of this Canon interfering with their Articles of Association, or By-Laws.

## CANON II.

OF ADMITTING A CHURCH OR PARISH INTO UNION WITH THIS DIOCESE.

No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Diocese, unless the Articles of Association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to the Convention by a member thereof.

## CANON III.

OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION, AND TITLE OF A PARISH TO LAY DELEGATES.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of every Parish in union with the Convention, to send a number, not exceeding five, of Lay Delegates to the Convention, who shall be chosen by the Vestry from among the parishoners.

SEC. 2. No Parish shall be entitled to a Lay Delegation, until all assessments upon the same, made by the Convention, not specially remitted, shall have been paid to the Treasurer thereof; nor shall any Parish be entitled to Lay Delegation, which shall be in arrears six months in the payment of the salary of their Minister, which may hereafter accrue.

## CANON IV.

QUALIFICATION OF DELEGATES.

The qualification for a Delegate to the Convention shall be the same as for a Vestryman: except only, that no pecuniary contributions shall be a necessary qualification.

## CANON V.

CERTIFICATES TO BE PRESENTED BY DELEGATES.

Delegates to the Convention from the several Parishes shall present a certificate, signed by the Secretary of the Vestry, or by the Rector, or by one of the Wardens, in the following form:

This certifies, that at a meeting of the Vestry of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A, B and C, were duly elected Lay Delegates to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, to be holden on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_

## CANON VI.

OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention shall elect, at a regular annual meeting, Delegates to the General Convention, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

# CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

ADOPTED IN 1850.

## CANON I.

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ADOPTED IN 1850.

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## CANON II.

OF ADMITTING A CHURCH OR PARISH INTO UNION WITH THIS DIOCESE.

No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Diocese, unless the Articles of Association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to the Convention by a member thereof.

## CANON III.

OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION, AND TITLE OF A PARISH TO LAY DELEGATES.

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## CANON IV.

QUALIFICATION OF DELEGATES.

The qualification for a Delegate to the Convention shall be the same as for a Vestryman: except only, that no pecuniary contributions shall be a necessary qualification.

## CANON V.

CERTIFICATES TO BE PRESENTED BY DELEGATES.

Delegates to the Convention from the several Parishes shall present a certificate, signed by the Secretary of the Vestry, or by the Rector, or by one of the Wardens, in the following form:

This certifies, that at a meeting of the Vestry of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, held on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A, B and C, were duly elected Lay Delegates to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, to be holden on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_

## CANON VI.

OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention shall elect, at a regular annual meeting, Delegates to the General Convention, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

## CANON VII.

## OF ATTENDANCE OF THE CLERGY ON CONVENTIONS.

The regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, being deemed of great importance to the interests of the Church, is *a duty* with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere. And it is recommended to the Parishes to make provision for the expenses incurred by their respective Ministers in attending the Convention. At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein, shall be called over.

## CANON VIII.

## A LIST TO BE MADE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. Before the meeting of every Convention, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall cause to be prepared a list of all the Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or stations as Missionaries, or of the Institutions of learning in which they are engaged; and the places of residence of such as are not employed in either of the ways above mentioned; specifying at the same time who, of either class, are Deacons: but no person, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on such list. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom. The same shall be appended to the journal, and sent to the Secretary of the General Convention.

SEC. 2. When the right of any Clergyman to a seat in the Convention is disputed, it shall be determined, according to the provisions of the Constitution, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

## CANON IX.

## OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

The Secretary shall be, *ex officio*, Treasurer of the Convention, until a Treasurer is elected. He shall forward, in due time, to the Treasurer of the General Convention, the amount assessed upon the Diocese for the contingent expenses of the General Convention.

## CANON X.

## OF RECEIVING A CLERGYMAN INTO A PARISH.

No clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Parish, unless he first produce to the Vestry thereof, a certificate from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, from the Standing Committee, that he has presented satisfactory testimonials that he is an accredited Minister of the Church, in good standing.

## CANON XI.

## OF PARISH REGISTERS AND REPORTS.

SEC. 1. Every Minister shall keep a register of all the baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals solemnized by him, or in his Parish by any other Minister, specifying the names and times of birth of the children baptised, together with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptised, and also the witnesses of the baptism; the names of those confirmed, and by whom; the names of the persons married and of persons buried, and also the times when each rite and sacrament were performed. This register shall be kept in a book to be provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry in each Parish, which book shall be called the Parish Register, and shall be considered as a part of the records of the Parish.

SEC. 2. In addition to the register above named, the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure, specifying the time when the former became communicants of his Parish, and whether by removal from some other Parish, or otherwise.

SEC. 3. Every Minister shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals and confirmations, within his cure, since the last Convention—and also the number of communicants—specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other Churches, or otherwise, during the same time: and also of the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday School, and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collection: together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish.

SEC. 4. In every Parish destitute of a Minister, the register shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the annual parochial reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or the President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish.

## CANON XII.

## OF THE DIVISION OF A PARISH.

When any portion of a Parish in connexion with this Convention shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt Articles of Association, and apply to the Convention for admission. In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division,

the portion seeking for it shall make known the fact to the Convention, and the Convention shall then decide upon the expediency of separation.

### CANON XIII.

#### TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

SEC. 1. In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made in the first place, to the clerical members of the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, or of the General Convention, and that it ought to be presented, they shall present the same to the Bishop, in the following form :

*To A. B.; Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama :*

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused under the hand of E. F. and G. H., [here recite the charge or charges :] and the Committee are of opinion that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canon in such case made and provided.

[SIGNED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE.]

SEC. 2. But nothing herein contained, shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion, according to the 37th Canon of the General Convention.

SEC. 3. A presentment being made, the Bishop shall communicate the same to the accused, by furnishing him a copy, and shall proceed to form a Court for his trial, in the following manner : At a time and place designated by the Bishop, of which reasonable notice shall be given to the accused, with a written summons to attend, the names of all the Presbyters entitled to seats in Convention shall be placed in a box, and eight names shall be drawn therefrom by some person having no supposed bias in the case, in the presence of the accused, or his agent appointed in writing, or if neither attend, in presence of two witnesses chosen by the Bishop : A list of the names so drawn shall be made as they are called, and a copy thereof given to the accused, or left at his usual place of abode—from which list he shall within thirty days, select five names and give notice thereof to the Bishop. The Presbyters whose names are reported as thus selected, shall constitute the Court for the trial of the accused.

SEC. 4. The Court shall hold its session at such time and place as the Bishop may appoint, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall

stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Court who may be present, being not less than three (3) shall proceed to trial. The Court shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter not of their own body; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the council to administer an oath, or affirmation to the witnesses; and the trial shall be in public, if desired by the accused.

SEC. 5. A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Court shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, (if he be not found) at least thirty (30) days before such meeting: and like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence in support of the accusation, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution.

SEC. 6. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shewn, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon, shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end, before the Court; and if he do not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 7. Upon the application of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman or Layman, as a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party such notice of the time and place of taking the deposition as the Bishop shall require. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be al-

lowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness; and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner, and transmitted under seal, to the Court.

SEC. 8. When the trial shall be gone through, the Court shall declare, in a writing, to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charge contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case a new Court shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided.

SEC. 9. If at any time the accused shall confess the truth to the charges, the Bishop, (such confession being made to him or being certified to him by the Court,) shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Court, the accused shall neither admit, nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of a Presbyter or Deacon, as herein provided, the finding of the Court and his sentence thereupon.

#### CANON XIV.

COMMUNICANTS WHO NEGLECT TO RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER TO BE SUSPENDED.

Any Communicant who shall neglect for twelve months successively to partake of the Lord's Supper, having opportunity, shall be admonished by the Minister, and on failure to participate when occasion again offers, shall be suspended.

#### CANON XV.

ALTERATIONS OF THE CANONS AND ADDITIONS THERETO.

No proposed alteration of, or addition to, the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention (unless by unanimous consent) without at least one day's notice thereof in open Convention; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein, but in such case the same shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

#### CANON XVI.

All former Canons are hereby repealed.

## DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

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### *Standing Committee :*

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS,  
President Ex-officio and Life Member.  
Rev. N. P. KNAPP, President, Mobile.  
Rev. J. H. MORRISON, | GEORGE F. BOONE,  
Rev. J. A. MASSEY, | H. L. ALISON,  
THOMAS LESESNE.

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### *Missionary Committee :*

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, *Ex-officio* President.  
Rev. J. S. MARBURY, | HENRY A. TAYLOR,  
Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH, | A. BARNUM,  
Rev. J. M. BANISTER.  
Treasurer, THOS. W. MCCOY, Mobile.

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### *Trustees of the Bishop's Fund :*

ISAAC CROOM, Greensboro',  
H. A. TAYLOR, Macon,  
W. F. PIERCE, Eutaw.

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### *Delegates to the General Convention :*

Rev. N. P. KNAPP, | HENRY A. TAYLOR,  
Rev. J. H. MORRISON, | M. J. CONLEY,  
Rev. J. M. BANISTER, | A. BENNERS,  
Rev. H. C. LAY, | T. B. TAYLOR.

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### *Bible, Prayer Book, and Tract Sunday School Committee :*

Rev. N. P. KNAPP, | THOMAS LESESNE,  
Rev. J. A. MASSEY, | EMANUEL JONES.  
W. P. HAMMOND.

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### *Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention :*


HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo Co.

# ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.


NAMES OF PARISHES.	When admitted into Union.	Baptisms.		Children, Adults.	Confirmed, Married, Buried.	Added, Died, Removed.	Communicants, S. Schools.		Paid to Bishop's Assessment.	Paid to Assessment for Contingent Expenses.	Paid to Diocesan Missionary Society.	Other Contributions.	PRESENT MINISTERS.														
		Children, Adults.	Whole No.				Colored, Whole Number.	White Scholars, Colored Scholars.																			
Christ Church, Mobile.	1830	41	7	1	50	12	9	4	158	26	\$500 00	\$28 63	\$200 00	\$230 01	\$2,402 13	Rev. N. P. Knapp.											
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.	1830	8	1	6	3	18	11	2	4	14	5	7	47	7	25	200 00	8 00	20 00	20 00	100 00	Rev. N. H. Cobb.						
St. Paul's Church, Greenville.	1830	4	2	4	10	6	1	6	1	1	2	62	3	20	150 00	\$4 00	50 00	50 00	150 00	150 00	Rev. J. S. Marbury.						
Trinity Church, Demopolis.	1835	2			2										43 00				33 00	33 00	Rev. J. M. Hammett.						
St. John's Church, Prattsburg.	1835														20 00							Vacant.					
St. James' Church, Livingston.	1837	23	5		30	15	6	2	21	1	9	5	73	6	40	200 00	4 00			200 75	200 75	Rev. J. H. Morrison.					
St. John's Church, Montgomery.	1837	7	8	0	2	20	10	1	2	7	2	1	25	1	18	20 00	8 00			127 00	127 00	Rev. W. A. Suckbury.					
St. Michael's Church, Marion.	1838														25 00	4 00						Vacant.					
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Co.	1838	3	1		4	3	2	2	3				37	4	30	50 00	4 00			40 00	40 00	Rev. W. J. Ellis.					
St. Paul's Church, Calhoun.	1839	12			12										50 00	4 00						Rev. R. J. Ellis.					
St. Luke's Church, Calhoun.	1839														3 00							Rev. J. H. Smith.					
St. John's Church, Tallapoosa.	1840	8			8	2	2	1	2	1	3		10		50 00	4 00						211 25	Rev. H. C. Lay.				
Trinity Church, Pontrevert.	1840	12			12	1	1	3	2	2	2		14		50 00	4 00						75 00	Rev. R. A. Cobb.				
Church of the Nazarene, Huntsville.	1841	5	1	4	3	13	3	1	4	8	1	3	26	5	40	50 00	4 00						80 00	Rev. J. M. Hammett.			
St. David's Church, Blount Co.	1844	3			10	13	1	1	8	1	1	3	14	4	13	100 00	4 00						425 00	Rev. E. C. Murdaugh.			
St. James' Church, Madison.	1844	3	3	9	15	4	6	4	9		4	15	50		23 00									Rev. G. F. Cushman.			
Union Parish, Marengo and Perry.	1845														23 00	4 00								Vacant.			
St. John's, in the Wilderness.	1846	1	13										3		50 00	4 00								272 63	Rev. J. A. Massie.		
St. Stephen's Church, Eufaula.	1846														30 00	4 00									Vacant.		
Trinity Church, Mobile.	1847	31	7	1	39	16	13	35	34	2	8		125	1	70	50 00	4 00								30 55	Rev. D. D. Flower.	
St. Mark's Church, Greene Co.	1847				8	2							1	12	15	2											Vacant.
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.	1847	7	1												25 00	4 00											Vacant.
St. John's Church, Elyton.	1850	9	1		10	7	1	3	7	3			9														Rev. Wm. Scull.





  
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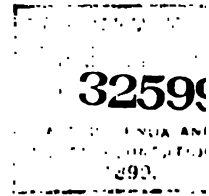
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#### IN ATTENDANCE.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., Bishop,.....residing in Tuscaloosa.  
 Rev. J. M. BANISTER,.....St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.  
 " R. A. COBBS,.....St. David's Church, Dallas County.  
 " G. F. CUSHMAN,.....St. John's in the Wilderness, Russel County.  
 " W. J. ELLIS,.....St. James' Church, Eufaula.  
 " WM. JOHNSON,.....Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.  
 " N. P. KNAPP,.....Christ Church, Mobile.  
 " H. C. LAY,.....Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.  
 " F. B. LEE,.....St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.  
 " J. A. MASSEY,.....Trinity Church, Mobile.  
 " J. M. MITCHELL, Deacon,.....St. John's Church, in the Prairies.  
 " J. H. MORRISON,.....St. John's Church, Montgomery.  
 " E. W. MURRAY,.....St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.  
 " J. H. TICKNOR,.....St. James' Church, Livingston.

#### NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

Rev. THOMAS A. COOK,.....Missionary at Talladega.  
 " J. S. MARBURY,.....residing near Greensboro'.  
 " THOMAS A. MORRIS, Deacon,.....Teacher in Mobile.  
 " E. C. MURDAUGH,.....Union Parish, Uniontown.  
 " J. M. ROBERTSON,.....residing near Huntsville.  
 " J. B. T. SMITH,.....St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.  
 " O. H. STAPLES,.....  
 " WM. A. STICKNEY,.....St. Michael's Church, Marion.

## List of Lay Delegates.

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### *Christ Church, Mobile—*

HENRY STICKNEY,  
EDWARD HALL,  
WM. H. ROSS,  
EMANUEL JONES,  
\*THOMAS H. LEWIS.

### *Christ Church, Tuscaloosa—*

\*B. F. RANDOLPH,  
W. D. DRISH,  
WM. KING,  
JAMES N. VAN HOOSE,  
\*JAMES H. FISHER.

### *St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—*

D. W. BROADNAX,  
CALVIN NORRIS,  
\*ISAAC CROOM,  
A. BARNUM,  
\*A. BENNERS.

### *St. James' Church, Livingston—*

SAMUEL CHAPMAN,  
\*S. U. SMITH,  
\*L. H. ANDERSON.

### *St. John's Church, Montgomery—*

\*C. T. POLLARD,  
\*T. B. TAYLOR,  
\*THOMAS WELSH,  
\*M. J. CONLEY,  
C. POMEROY.

### *St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Co.*

\*R. P. MCCORD,  
\*J. P. BROUN,  
H. P. GREEN.

### *St. Paul's Church, Selma—*

A. G. MABRY,  
\*S. R. BLAKE,  
W. ICKES,  
W. WADDILL, JR.

### *St. Paul's Church, Carlouville—*

\*W. W. LANG,  
H. L. ALISON,  
JOHN SIMPSON,  
J. M. LEE.

### *St. Andrew's Church, Macon—*

JOHN MCRAE,  
\*H. A. TAYLOR,  
A. L. JONES.

### *Trinity Church, Mobile—*

\*GEORGE F. BOONE,  
\*WM. H. PLATT,  
THOMAS LESESNE,  
C. C. HAZARD,  
THOMAS T. BOLLING.

### *St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville—*

\*JOHN D. HOKE,  
R. J. M. PERKINS,  
J. B. FORNEY,

### *Trinity Church, Auburn—*

\*B. B. HOTCHKISS,  
H. L. MCGREGOR,  
T. C. UNDERWOOD,  
J. G. W. WHALE.

Delegates marked thus ( \* ) were present.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }  
May 8th, 1851. }

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, Divine Service commenced about the usual hour. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. WM. JOHNSON, the Lessons by the Rev. N. P. KNAPP, and the Communion Service by the Right Reverend Bishop of the Diocese—The Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. J. ELLIS, from Acts, 2d chapter, 47th verse, "*And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.*"

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop to the Clergy and many of the Laity, assisted in the distribution of the elements, by the Rev. N. P. KNAPP.

After the benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop N. H. COBBS, D. D. The Secretary being absent, A. BENNERS was elected Secretary pro tempore. The Bishop then presented the list of Clergy, *canonically* connected with the Diocese:

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., residing in Tuscaloosa.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

" R. A. COBBS, St. David's Church, Dallas County.

" THOMAS A. COOK, Missionary at Talladega.

" G. F. CUSHMAN, St. John's in the Wilderness, Russell Co.

" W. J. ELLIS, St. James' Church, Eufaula.

" WM. JOHNSON, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

" N. P. KNAPP, Christ Church, Mobile.

" H. C. LAY, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

" J. S. MARBURY, residing near Greensboro'.

" J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.

" J. M. MITCHELL, Deacon, St. John's Church in the Prairies.

" THOMAS A. MORRIS, Deacon, Teacher in Mobile.

" J. H. MORRISON, St. John's Church, Montgomery.

- Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH, Union Parish, Uniontown.  
 " E. W. MURRAY, St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw;  
 " J. M. ROBERTSON, residing near Huntsville.  
 " J. B. T. SMITH, St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.  
 " O. H. STAPLES,  
 " W. M. A. STICKNEY, St. Michael's Church, Marion.  
 " J. H. TICKNOR, St. James' Church, Livingston.

Their names being called by the Secretary, the following were found to be in attendance:

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| Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. |                   |
| Rev. J. M. BANISTER,        | Rev. H. C. LAY,   |
| " R. A. COBBS,              | " F. B. LEE,      |
| " G. F. CUSHMAN,            | " J. A. MASSEY,   |
| " W. J. ELLIS,              | " J. M. MITCHELL, |
| " W. JOHNSON,               | " J. H. MORRISON, |
| " N. P. KNAPP,              | " E. W. MURRAY,   |

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented by Delegates from St. James Church, Livingston; St. John's Church, Montgomery; St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county; Trinity Church, Mobile; St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville; St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'; Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; St. Paul's Church, Carlisle, and Christ Church, Mobile.

Messrs. KNAPP, LEE and MASSEY, of the Clergy, were appointed a committee to whom said certificates were referred.

The committee having examined the certificates, reported them in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats in the Convention:

*St. James' Church, Livingston*—Samuel Chapman, S. U. Smith, L. H. Anderson.

*St. John's Church, Montgomery*—C. T. Pollard, T. B. Taylor, Thomas Welsh, M. J. Conley, C. Pomeroy.

*St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County*—R. P. McCord, J. P. Broun, H. P. Green.

*Trinity Church, Mobile*—G. F. Boone, W. H. Platt, Thos. Lesesne, C. C. Hazard, Thomas T. Bolling.

*St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville*—John D. Hoke, R. J. M. Perkins, J. B. Forney.

*St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'*—D. W. Broadnax, Calvin Norris, Isaac Croom, A. Barnum, A. Benners.

*Christ Church, Tuskaloosa*—B. F. Randolph, W. D. Drish, William King, James N. Van Hoose, James H. Fisher.

*St. Paul's Church, Carlisle*—W. W. Lang, H. L. Alison, John Simpson, J. M. Lee.

*Christ Church, Mobile*—Henry Stickney, Edward Hall, Wm. H. Ross, Emanuel Jones, Thomas H. Lewis.

Their names were called, and the following gentlemen were found to be in attendance :

Messrs. S. U. SMITH,	Messrs. G. F. BOONE,
" C. T. POLLARD,	" W. H. PLATT,
" T. B. TAYLOR,	" J. D. HOKE,
" THOMAS WELSH,	" ISAAC CROOM,
" M. J. CONLEY,	" AUGUSTUS BENNERS,
" R. P. McCORD,	" B. F. RANDOLPH,
" J. P. BROWN,	" J. H. FISHER,
W. W. LANG.	

A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }  
Friday, May 9th, 1851—9 o'clock A. M. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by the President, the following gentlemen appeared and presented their credentials—H. A. Tayloe from St. Andrews, Macon, and S. R. Blake from St. Paul's Church, Selma, which, on motion were referred to the committee on certificates of Lay Delegates. The committee having examined the same, reported them in due form, and that the following gentlemen were entitled to seats in the Convention :

*St. Paul's Church, Selma*—A. G. Mabry, S. R. Blake, W. Ickes, W. Waddill, Jr.

*St. Andrews' Church, Macon*—John McRae, H. A. Tayloe, A. L. Jones.

Their names being called, Messrs. TAYLOE and BLAKE answered and took their seats. T. H. LEWIS took his seat in Convention.

Messrs. F. B. LEE and J. M. BANISTER of the Clergy, and M. J. CONLEY of the Laity, were appointed by the President a committee on the admission of new Parishes.

Application for admission into the union having been made by Trinity Church, Auburn, it was referred to the committee on admission of Parishes.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary—H. A. TAYLOE was nominated and elected. Leave being granted, A. BENNERS was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The committee on the admission of Parishes report the following application :

AUBURN, May 5th, 1851.

We whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby as-

associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of Trinity Church, Auburn, Macon County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing do adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited Articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of Trinity Church, Auburn.

GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

JNO. G. W. WHALE, Secretary.

to be in due form, and recommend that it be received into union with the Convention. On motion, the report was accepted.

The certificate of Lay Delegates from this Parish was presented and referred to the committee on certificates. The committee on certificates reported it in due form, and that the following gentlemen were entitled to seats from said Parish, viz:—B. B. Hotchkiss, H. L. McGregor, T. C. Underwood, and J. G. W. Whale.

Their names being called, B. B. Hotchkiss answered, and took his seat.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Ministers and candidates for Orders from other Dioceses being present, be invited to take seats in the Convention.

The Rev. F. R. HANSON, of Maryland, appeared and took a seat in Convention.

The President presented to the Convention for their consideration a letter he had received from the Archbishop of Canterbury, with accompanying documents, which, on motion, were referred to a select committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen, to wit: Rev. Messrs. KNAPP, LAY and BANISTER, and Messrs. ANDERSON, CROOM and McCORD.

The President appointed the following committees:

*Committee on the State of the Church*—Rev. Messrs. KNAPP, LEE, MASSEY, LAY, BANISTER, JOHNSON, MORRISON, ELLIS and COBBS.

*Committee of Finance*—Messrs. C. T. POLLARD, CROOM, McCORD, RANDOLPH, ANDERSON, HOKE, BOONE, LEWIS, TAYLOB, LANG, BLAKE and HOTCHKISS.

*Committee on Unfinished Business*—Rev. Messrs. CUSHMAN, TICKNOR, MURRAY and MITCHELL.

The standing committee then submitted the following report:

The Standing Committee beg leave to report that their official acts during the past year, have been the recommending of Messrs. George W. Stickney and S. U. Smith as Candidates for Orders, and the Rev. J. M. Mitchell for Priest's Orders. In addition to these, at a recent meeting, they felt constrained to decline signing the testimonials of Rev. Dr. Rutledge, Bishop elect of Florida, for want of sufficient evidence of the right of that Diocese to elect a Bishop, in accordance with the provisions of Canon 2d, of 1844. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. MASSEY, Secretary.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

The President retired, and called the Rev. Mr. KNAPP to the chair,

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended and the following resolution was introduced and referred to the committee on finance :

*Resolved*, That the committee on finance be instructed to enquire into the expediency and practicability of increasing the salary of the Bishop.

The following amendment to the 2d article of the Constitution was proposed as an addition thereto, and being approved by constitutional vote, stands over to be submitted to the next Convention. The said article to remain as it now is, and to add after the word "Convention," as follows :—"And in case there should be an epidemic disease in the place appointed for holding said Convention, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed for holding it, the Bishop shall have the power to appoint another convenient place for holding the same."

- The President resumed the chair.

On motion, the Annual Address of the Bishop was deferred to be read immediately after Divine Service.

Parochial Reports were then called for, and on motion, their reading was dispensed with, and they were referred to the committee on the state of the Church.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—REV. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

Baptisms—(White Infant,).....	1
Deaths—White 3, colored 1,.....	Total, 4
Communicants—White, added 2,.....	Present No. 62
Colored, died 1,.....	1
Sunday School—Teachers 4, scholars,.....	Total, about 30
Communion—Number of times administered,.....	5
Offerings at Communion,.....	\$45 00
Collections,.....	26 15
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	40

I became the Rector of this Church on the first day of January last, from which date the above report commences. In addition to the collections during this time the Ladies of the Congregation have made about \$200 for the erection of a new steeple.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IN THE WILDERNESS, RUSSELL COUNTY.

Rev. Geo. F. CUSHMAN, Rector.

Baptisms---Colored adults 1, Infants 7,.....	Total, 8
Confirmations---White,.....	1
Marriages---White,.....	3
Deaths---Colored,.....	2
Communicants---White added 1, removed 1, present number,.....	2
Colored.....	1
Communion---number of times administered,.....	9
Collections,.....	\$205
Divine service---Number of times celebrated,.....	56

The Rector of this Parish regrets to report a most decided change for the worse in its condition, since the last Convention, occasioned by removal and other causes. There is but a small remnant left of those who have kept the faith, but trusting in him who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," we go on to preach Christ in the church. Services not reported above, have been held at St. Cyprian's, a chapel for servants, upon every occasion of service at St. John's. Twenty-five of

them are communicants. In the services above enumerated, all occasional services are included, not falling within my proper sphere of labor. The Rector can not close this report without remarking, that this parish might well be an example to some of larger dimensions, with regard to the liberality, and what is more to the purpose, the punctuality with which they pay the salary of their minister.

**ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.**

Baptisms—White, infants 1,.....	Total, 1
Colored, adults 1, infants 8,.....	" 9
Confirmations—Colored, 1,.....	" 1
Marriages—Colored 3,.....	" 3
Deaths—White 1, colored 1,.....	" 2
Communicants—White, died 1, removed 1,.....	present number 11
Colored, added 1,.....	" 4
Sunday School—Teachers 5, scholars, colored, 50,.....	Total, 50
Communion—Number of times administered,.....	7
Offerings at Communion,.....	\$65 62
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	74

**TRINITY CHURCH, AUBURN.—Rev. GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, Rector.**

Baptisms—White infants,.....	1
Communicants—White added 4; present number,.....	8
Divine service—number of times celebrated,.....	19

I took charge of this parish, 1st January, 1851, and have officiated since, two Sundays in each month. We are making an effort to erect a church edifice, the corner stone of which was laid on the 19th of March. It is now nearly covered in and if we succeed in our purpose, I know of no place where a more encouraging prospect for the church presents itself. There are several candidates for confirmation in the Parish. Before taking charge of this station, I resigned St. James', Eufrasia, where I officiated from the last Convention to the 1st of December, and my official acts in that Parish will be reported by my successor.

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULIA.—Rev. W. J. ELLIS, Rector.**

Baptisms—White adults 2, infants 14,.....	Total, 16
Confirmations—White,.....	8
Deaths—Colored,.....	1
Communicants—White, added 1, removed 2, present number,.....	2
Communion—Number of times administered,.....	15
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	15

Of the above baptisms, two adults and thirteen children were baptised by the Bishop.

**ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.—Rev. D. D. FLOWER, Rector.**

Baptisms—White, infant,.....	1
Marriages—White,.....	1
Communicants—White, removed 1,.....	present number, 9
Colored,.....	" 1
Communion—Number of times administered,.....	16
Offerings—At Communion,.....	\$27 48
Collections, for objects extra parochial,.....	53 00
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	121

**CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. WM. JOHNSON, Rector.**

Baptisms—White, adult 1, infants 2,.....	Total, 3
Colored, adult,.....	1
Confirmations—White,.....	2
Communicants—White, added 1,.....	present number, 41
Colored,.....	" 7
Sunday School—Teachers 3, Scholars, white,.....	12



Communion—Number of times administered,.....	6
Offerings—At Communion,.....	\$267 80
Collections,.....	33 00
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	80

The above report extends from the first of January, the time at which I became the Rector of the Church, to the second Sunday after Easter. Divine service has been celebrated twice on every Sunday, except one, when the sickness of the Rector prevented. It has been celebrated also on every Wednesday and Friday, and all the Holy days. Of the Communion offerings, (\$267 80) \$13 were sent to the Board of Missions, and \$6 45 were taken up as the Christmas collection towards the Bishop's fund; a collection that had been omitted on Christmas day; and \$18 were disposed of in charity. The remainder goes towards the Rector's salary, which being thus raised, without any further call on the Congregation, the seats in the Church are all free. The further collection reported (\$30) was made without the Rector's knowledge, and handed over to him, to defray his expenses incurred by coming to the Convention.

Since I took the charge of the parish, the Chapel that I found in progress for the colored congregation, has been completed; and the service is very well attended. On such days as I can have my place at the Church supplied in the evening, I perform the service at the Chapel. On other Sundays the service and a sermon are read there by a gentleman who officiates as lay-reader.

The Sunday School is barely kept up. In the afternoon of every communion Sunday the children are publicly catechised before the congregation.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. N. P. KNAPP, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 4, infants 32,.....	Total, 36
Colored, infants,.....	6
Confirmations—White 14, colored 1,.....	Total, 15
Marriages—White 8, colored 2,.....	" 10
Deaths—White 26, colored 1,.....	" 27
Communicants—White, added 26, died 4, removed 6, present number,.....	180
Colored, present number,.....	4
Sunday Schools—Teachers 16, scholars, white,.....	100
Library—Number of books,.....	200
Communion—Number of times administered,.....	10
Offerings—At Communion,.....	\$230 45
Collections—Dom. Miss. \$140, China 161, Foreign 9, Diocesan 135,....	Total, \$446
Bishop Polk Missionary Society,.....	\$100
Divine service—Number of times celebrated,.....	106

The Rector was absent from the Parish four months of the past year. Hence the number of official acts reported is less than usual. He has celebrated divine service twice on each Sunday and once on each of the Festivals and principal Fasts; twice during the week throughout the year, as a general rule, and on every day in Passion Week, as well as on Easter Monday and Tuesday. The attendance on these latter services has been very good.

The condition of the Parish is encouraging. In addition to the collections made in church, the ladies have raised about fourteen hundred dollars for parish purposes.

#### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—Rev. H. C. LAY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 8, infants 27,.....	Total, 35
Colored, infants,.....	12
Confirmations—White,.....	13
Marriages—White,.....	2
Deaths—White,.....	5
Communicants 29, added 13, present number,.....	42
Sunday School—Teachers 7, scholars,.....	40
Offerings at communion,.....	\$68 80
Poor Relief, through the Minister,.....	49 35
Diocesan Missions,.....	63 00
Domestic Missions,.....	50 00
Divine service—Number of times celebrated,.....	140
Communion celebrated monthly,	

I am glad to report that this parish is in a very prosperous condition; the greatest obstacle to our progress, is the want of church accommodation, which keeps many away who would otherwise be regular attendants. In addition to items heretofore reported, the congregation has procured a bell, an organ and a comfortable Rectory.

The Rev. J. M. Robertson continues his valuable and disinterested services as heretofore.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.**

Baptisms—White, infants, 5; colored, infants, 3,.....	Total, 8
Confirmations—White,.....	1
Marriage—White,.....	1
Deaths—White, 4; colored 1,.....	Total, 5
Communicants—White, added 2, died 1, removed 1,.....	Present No., 30
Sunday School—Teachers 5; Scholars, white, 20, colored, 8,.....	Total, 28
Library—Number of Books,.....	about 30
Communion—Number of times administered,.....	19
Collections,.....	\$17 50
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	93

Since the first of January my services have been divided between this Parish and that of St. Peter's, Lowndes county. In the latter I have officiated 7 times, married one couple, and had one confirmation.

There are no particulars connected with the condition of either of these Parishes which seem to call for special comment. It is humbly hoped, however, that the word, plainly preached and proclaimed, will not be unattended by the Divine blessing, but will accomplish the end whereeto it was given.

It will not, I trust, be deemed out of place to acknowledge here my indebtedness to certain ladies of my Parish in Carlowville, who, from the proceeds of their handiwork, have at various times contributed to the interest and improvement of our Church, and have lately furnished it with the needful carpeting. And I would also commend the zeal and industry of three of their number, who, by their individual exertions, have provided our Chancel with neat and appropriate chairs.

*Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D., Bishop of Alabama—*

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir: In compliance with the Canon I have to report that, having officiated as Assistant Rector of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, until last Christmas, I have since that time read service 25 times and preached 16 times in Mobile, and read service 21 times and preached 17 times in other places within the Diocese. I have now accepted the Rectorship of the Parish of St. John's in the Prairies, and with permission of Divine Providence, shall enter upon my duties in said Parish immediately after Convention.

Very dutifully, your son in the Gospel,

JOHN M. MITCHELL.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Rev. J. H. MORRISON, Rector.**

Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants, 15,.....	Total, 17
Confirmations—White, 6, colored, 1,.....	7
Marriages—White, 8, colored 1,.....	9
Deaths—White, 1,.....	1
Communicants—White, added 10, removed 6, returned to the Methodists 1,.....	Present No. 71
Colored,.....	5
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; Scholars, white,.....	50
Library—Number of Books,.....	200
Communion—Number of times administered, at Montgomery 13 times, at Mt. Meigs, 1 time,.....	Total, 14
Offerings—At Communion,.....	\$34 40
Collections—Foreign Missions \$20, Domestic \$100, Diocesan \$39 45,.....	
Episcopal Fund, \$23 40,.....	Total, \$182 85

Divine Service—Number of times celebrated: Twice on Sundays, except the first Sunday in each month, the afternoon of which is devoted to catechising the children, and on all the Holy days, once every day during Lent, twice a month at Mt. Meigs, twice at Wetumpka, twice at Selma, and once at Talassee.

## HAZLEWOOD, Greene County, May 3d, 1851.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir—A short time after the adjournment of the last Convention, I found my health declining so rapidly, that I was forced to leave my Parish, with the hope that by travel and relaxation it might be improved. In this I was disappointed. In the fall I resigned my Parish. The few official acts I performed will be reported by my successor. Yours, truly and affectionately,

J. S. MARBURY.

## ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. EDWIN W. MURRAY, Rector.

Confirmations.....	1
Deaths.....	1
Communicants---Added white 1, present number.....	12
Sunday School---Teachers 4, scholars 15.....	Total, 19
Communion---Number of times administered.....	2
Collections---Assessed for Bishop's fund.....	\$6 25
Divine Service---Number of times celebrated, about.....	20

Previous to the month of November last the services had been suspended in this Parish for several months. The above report, therefore, contains the statistics only of the last six months.

## ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GREENE CO.—Rev. E. W. MURRAY, Rector.

Baptisms---White, infants, 1; colored, infants, 9.....	Total, 10
Marriages---White.....	1
Communicants---White, added 3, removed 1, present number.....	12
Communion---Number of times administered.....	2
Collections---Assessed for Bishop's salary.....	\$10

Services were resumed in this parish in the month of November last, after a suspension of several months, and though, on account of peculiar circumstances, necessarily irregular, they have been performed generally twice each month since that time. The congregations are good, and the community generally liberal in their feelings towards the Church.

## TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

Baptisms---White, adults 3, infants 29.....	Total, 32
Confirmations---White.....	14
Marriages---White, 12; colored 3.....	Total, 15
Deaths---White.....	37
Communicants---White, added 23, died 2, removed and dismissed 11,...	
Present number.....	135
Sunday School---Teachers 12; Scholars, white.....	80
Library---Number of Books.....	205
Communion---Number of times administered.....	14
Offerings---At Communion.....	\$164 90
Collections.....	86 40

Divine Service celebrated twice every Sunday, on every Friday, and on all the Festivals of the Church.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Alabama—As I cannot be present at the approaching Diocesan Convention, I herewith transmit the report of

## ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, MARION. Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

Baptisms---White, infants.....	3
Confirmations---White, 1, colored 1.....	Total, 2
Marriages.....	2
Communicants---Added by removal, 3, 1 new; lost by removal 5; colored 1;	
Present number.....	23
Class for Sunday instruction, about.....	20
Holy Communion---Number of times administered.....	19
Offerings at Holy Communion.....	\$55 90

Collections on christmas for Bishop's Fund.....	5 45
Divine service---Number times celebrated 184, sermons.....	41

There were nearly three months cessation of duty last summer, from the Parish. Cause, bodily weakness. Sermons have not been preached, with an exception or two during the year, in the afternoon. Catechising, or explanatory lectures of the church have been substituted.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.---Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

Baptisms---White, adults 1; infants 2.....	Total, 3
Confirmations.....	no visitation.
Marriages---White, .....	1
Deaths---White, .....	1
Communicants---White, .....	28
Sunday School---Teachers, 4; Scholars, 16, .....	20
Library---Number of books, on the way from New York, .....	200
Communion---Number of times administered, .....	4
Offerings at Communion---irregular, .....	\$10 15
Collections---for repairing the Church, .....	\$150 00
For Bishop's assessment, &c.....	\$54 00
Divine Service---Number of times celebrated, .....	38

The present Rector performed his first services here on the 5th of February. This Parish embraces the villages of Livingston, Gainesville and Sumterville, each of which presents many encouragements, with few, if any, barriers to ministerial usefulness.

In Livingston, by the assistance of a Lay-reader, who is now also a candidate for Holy Orders, regular services are maintained every Sunday in the month. The ladies in this place have procured funds sufficient to put the Church building in complete and beautiful order. Several attempts have been made to instruct the negroes; but, owing to the uncertainty of their attendance at Church, it was thought more expedient not to have services expressly for their benefit: and experience has shown that for the present the time can be better employed.

In Sumterville we expect to commence regular services immediately after Convention.

In Gainesville we are kindly permitted to occupy the Methodist Church the third Sunday in every month. The congregations are generally good and attentive.

Although the Providence of God has taken away some members of our communion since the last report was made: though others have sought them new homes farther west; though some through conscientious scruples, while they retain their attachment to the church and wait upon its ordinary ministrations, abstain from the table of the Lord; still the Rector is able to report favorably of its spiritual condition: and in view of the prospect before him, he can only ask, "who is sufficient for these things?"

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.

Baptisms---Adults 5, infants 17, .....	Total, 22
Deaths, .....	3
Communicants---Added 8, present number, .....	31
Confirmed, .....	6
Marriages---Colored, .....	2

This Parish remained vacant as reported at the last Diocesan Convention, until the month of November, at which time the Rev. Mr. Maury, from the Diocese of Ky., (whom the vestry had invited to take charge) reached us. Since which time Mr. M. has officiated most acceptably to all, until Easter Sunday. He is at present absent---gone for his family. It is expected he will be able to return by the month of Oct. next, and take up his residence permanently, as Rector of the Parish.

The vestry and friends of the church, feel they have great cause to be thankful to the great head of the church for the growing zeal manifested by all, as well as the increase of members. Notwithstanding the church was closed for one year, (except a few visits by the Bishop and the Rev. Mr. Morrison) no manifestations of lukewarmness among the congregation who are in the custom of worshipping in the church were discovered.

W. WADDILL, JR., }  
J. R. PURNELL, } Wardens.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON.

Baptisms---White adults 2, infants 6,.....	Total, 8
Confirmations,.....	3
Communicants---Added 3, whole number,.....	8

Divine service has been performed by the Bishop and by transient ministers, six times. It is believed that this place presents a favorable opening for the establishment of the church, but as yet we have not been able to secure the services of a minister.

NATHANIEL HAWKINS, Sr. Warden.

The Convention took a recess for Divine Service. After the benediction, the Convention was called to order. The Bishop read his Annual Address.

## BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In compliance with the requisitions of the Canon I herewith lay before the Convention a Record of my official acts during the past year, together with a few brief remarks which I would respectfully submit to the consideration of the members of the Church.

At the close of the Convention in Greensboro', I preached in that town and confirmed eleven persons.

Sunday after Ascension.---Preached in Christ Church, Tuskalooosa.

Whitsunday.---Officiated in Christ Church, Tuskalooosa.

Trinity Sunday.---Visited Crawford, preached, and confirmed one person. At this place, and also at Salem, Westpoint and Lafayette, there are materials for the Church, if a Minister could be had to operate upon them. I regret to state that the Rev. Mr. Scull, who was laboring in this part of the Diocese has felt himself constrained to remove to Louisiana.

May 23th and 29th.---Preached in St. John's in the Wilderness, and ordained to the Priesthood, the Rev. G. F. Cushman. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Wm. Scull, and the Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Morrison. The Rev. J. H. Ticknor was also present and assisted in the services. At night I preached to a large congregation of negroes, assembled in a Chapel built for their use on one of the Plantations. The Rev. Mr. Cushman devotes a certain portion of his time specially to this class of persons, and is not only interested but encouraged in his efforts.

June 1st.---Visited Clayton, the Court House village of Barbour county, and preached.

First Sunday after Trinity.---Visited Eufaula, preached several times, baptized thirteen children, and confirmed eight persons. I found the prospects of the Church very much improved in this town, and that efforts had been made for the erection of a House of Worship, which is at this time in the process of construction, and which will probably be consecrated during the present year.

June 7th.---Visited Mt. Meigs, and preached.

Second Sunday after Trinity.---Visited Montgomery, preached several times and confirmed three persons.

Third Sunday after Trinity.---Officiated in Tuskalooosa in the morning and afternoon. When in Tuskalooosa I uniformly attended the week day services held in the Church on Wednesdays and Fridays, and on the Saint's Days.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity.---Officiated in Tuskalooosa.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity.---Preached in Tuskalooosa and baptised an adult.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity.---Preached in Tuskalooosa and baptised an infant.

Seventh and eighth Sundays after Trinity.---Preached in Tuskalooosa.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity.---Officiated in Tuskalooosa---baptised an infant and confirmed three persons.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity.---Preached in Tuskalooosa.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.---Officiated in Tuskalooosa. I would here remark, that whilst I remained at home in Tuskalooosa, I lectured in the afternoon of each Sunday, on the prayer book, or in other words, on the doctrine, discipline and worship of the church. These lectures seemed to be generally interesting to the congregation, and I am persuaded were useful, in diffusing among the members a better knowledge of the principles of the church. I would therefore recommend to the clergy of the Diocese---that on the afternoon of each Sunday, instead of preaching a sermon, they should lecture on the prayer book and catechise the children. In this way, they would not only interest their congregations, but they would furnish that kind of information which is greatly needed. If we wish the church to have a healthy and permanent growth, and would place around her effectual barriers against heresy and schism, we must teach her members to know, to understand, to respect and to venerate her claims, her doctrine, her discipline, her worship and her authority. It is melancholy to reflect on the multitude of families in the Southwest which have been lost to the church for the want of having been duly indoctrinated in the principles of her faith and worship. I would earnestly press this subject on the attention of the clergy, as one worthy of their most serious and solemn consideration.

September 16th.---Preached in Jonesborough, and in the evening of the same day, at Elyton, and also baptised an adult and five children. In this place there is now a good opening for the church, and I trust that soon we shall have a minister regularly officiating there and in the surrounding country.

September 21st and 22d.---Visited Huntsville---preached several times---instituted the Rev. H. C. Lay, as Rector of the Church of the Nativity, and confirmed eleven persons. Among other evidences of the prosperity of this Parish, I was gratified to learn that a comfortable Rectory had been bought. I regard it as a matter of great importance, that in every Parish a comfortable and fixed home should be provided for the minister, and I am persuaded that with a little effort, such provision could easily be made by most of the congregations of the Diocese.

September 24.---Visited the Columbia Female Institute, Tennessee, and preached at night to the large and interesting family of Teachers and Pupils belonging to that flourishing Institution. It was an occasion of peculiar and gratifying interest to me. As I looked around on that household of more than one hundred young Ladies and contemplated the vast amount of moral power which, in after life, they must necessarily exert in their respective fields of influence, I never felt a deeper sense of the solemn responsibility that rests upon us to have our children duly instructed in the doctrine of Christ and his Church.

October 2d.---Attended the meeting of the General Convention in Cincinnati, and was present at most of the sessions of the House of Bishops, and also at the meetings of the Board of Missions. During this visit I preached three times. It was gratifying to see the general attendance of the Delegates from the different Dioceses, and particularly to witness the unanimity and good feeling that characterised most of the deliberations of this highest legislative Council of the Church. I think that I am not mistaken in saying that the members of that body returned to their respective homes with heightened regard and affection one for another, and with increased confidence in the soundness, excellency and future growth and prosperity of the Church.

October 27th.—On my way from the General Convention, again visited Huntsville, preached several times and confirmed two persons.

October 29th.—Preached in the county of Limestone, on my way to Tuscumbia.

October 30th.—Visited Decatur and preached. Here we have a few attached friends, and if the regular services of the church could be kept up, I doubt not but that a congregation could be established.

October 31st.—Preached at night in the town of Courtland.

November 1st.—Preached in Tuscumbia.

November 2d.—Preached in Florence. November 3d.—Preached again in Florence and baptized an infant. In the afternoon of the same day, preached in Tuscumbia, baptized an adult and an infant, and confirmed two persons. In this town efforts are making for the building of a Church.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Tuskaloosa.

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November 21st.—Passed through Greensboro' and preached at night. I found the Rev. J. M. Banister about to enter on the duties of Rector of the Parish in consequence of the resignation of the Rev. J. S. Marbury, on account of bad health. Mr. Marbury had been a most active, energetic, faithful and useful Minister, and the suspension of his labors by sickness is a heavy loss to the Diocese. Having been long and intimately known to me, he has shared largely in my respect and confidence.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Prairieville in the morning, and in Demopolis at night. In this town a Church is being built, and will probably be completed during the present year.

November 27th.—Preached in Woodville and confirmed two persons. I was gratified to find that arrangements had been made for the speedy erection of a Rectory in this Parish.

November 29th.—Visited Cahawba and preached. In consequence of the removal of the Rev. Mr. Ellis to Eufaula, this place is now vacant. I know of but few portions of the Diocese in which there is a better field for building up the Church.

Advent Sunday.—Preached in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county, and confirmed one person.

December 2d.—Preached again in Cahawba and confirmed one person.

Second Sunday in Advent.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

Third Sunday in Advent.—Preached in Tuskaloosa and confirmed two persons.

Fourth Sunday in Advent.—Preached in Tuskaloosa; and also on Christmas, at which time I relinquished the pastoral charge of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, to the Rev. Wm. Johnson, who, much to my gratification, has returned to this Diocese from Georgia. Mr. Johnson has entered on his office with the most encouraging prospects of usefulness.

Second Sunday after Christmas.—Visited Eutaw, preached twice and confirmed two persons.

January 25.—Visited Mobile, preached twice in Christ Church and once in Trinity; also confirmed a sick lady in her chamber.

February 7th.—Visited Marion, confirmed one white person and one colored one.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.—Visited Selma, preached twice and confirmed five persons. In this Parish, the Rev. M. F. Maury has been officiating for several months, and I am happy to learn has recently consented to take charge of it, as Rector. The Parish presents, at this time, a very promising field for the growth of the Church.

February 12th.—Preached at Mt. Meigs, and confirmed one person.

February 13th.—Visited Auburn, but held no service in consequence of the rain.

Septuagesima Sunday.—Went to St. John's in the Wilderness, in which I preached in the morning, and in the afternoon preached to a congregation of colored people, in a Chapel on a neighboring plantation, to a number of whom I also administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. At night I confirmed in private a young lady who was in delicate health.

February 19th.—Again visited Auburn—preached. Here we have a Church in progress of erection, and a good prospect of establishing a congregation.

Sexuagesima Sunday.—Visited Montgomery, preached three times, and confirmed two persons.

February 25th.—Passed through Selma and preached at night.

Quinquagesima Sunday.—Visited Greensboro', preached four times, administered the communion and catechised the children.

First Sunday in Lent.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and confirmed two persons.

Second Sunday in Lent.—Visited Elyton, preached twice and confirmed three persons.

Third Sunday in Lent.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

Fourth Sunday in Lent.—Visited Mobile a second time—preached twice: in Christ Church in the forenoon and confirmed fourteen persons, and also baptized two children; in the afternoon preached in Trinity Church and confirmed fourteen persons.

Fifth Sunday in Lent.—Preached in St. John's in the Prairies, and confirmed one person. I have good hope of seeing this Parish revived and placed in a flourishing condition.

Sunday before Easter.—Spent this day in Tuscaloosa and but for indisposition would have consecrated St. Philip's Chapel. This Chapel is a neat, comfortable building erected for the colored congregation, and in which it is intended that regular services shall be held for their benefit. And here I would remark how much gratified I have been at the increasing interest manifested in the religious instruction of the negroes. Wherever the experiment is fairly made, it will be found that the services of the Church are eminently adapted to their edification—furnishing in the Lessons—and Creeds—and Commandments—and Chants—just the kind of elementary instruction needed by that class of people.

Good Friday.—Visited Greensboro' and preached. Was much pleased to see the Lent services of the Church so well attended in this Parish.

Easter Even.—Visited Woodville and preached.

Easter Day.—Preached in St. Michael's, and administered the Lord's Supper, being assisted by the Rector. In the afternoon preached to a colored congregation. In this Parish there is a great deal of attention paid to the religious instruction of the negroes, especially of the young, not only on the part of the Rector, but of a number of Ladies, who have large classes of catechumens. In this Parish a new Church will be built in the course of the year.

Easter Tuesday.—Preached in St. David's, Dallas county, and on the next day preached in the same Church to a congregation of colored people and confirmed an aged servant. In this Parish also, regular services are held for the benefit of the negroes.

April 26th.—Visited Carlowville, preached, and confirmed one person.

First Sunday after Easter.—Preached in St. Peter's, Lowndes county, and confirmed one person.



In the afternoon of the same day, I rode to Selma, baptized an adult and an infant, preached, and confirmed one person. On the next day baptized one other adult.

April 29.—Visited an afflicted lady in the country and baptized her five children.

Second Sunday after Easter.—Visited Wetumpka and preached. As the prospects of this town are brightening, I trust yet to see something done there towards the establishing of a congregation.

Such is a brief statement of my labors and journeyings during the past year; and in the retrospect I would here offer my humble thanks to Almighty God, by whose gracious Providence I have been protected by land and by water, and have been blessed with more than an ordinary degree of health and strength.

The changes that have occurred among the Clergy are as follows, viz: the Rev. R. G. Hays has been transferred to the Diocese of Louisiana; the Rev. Wm. Scull to the same Diocese, and the Rev. D. D. Flower to the Diocese of Texas.

The Rev. Edwin W. Murray has been received from the Diocese of Maine, and is settled in Eutaw. The Rev. William Johnson has been received from the Diocese of South Carolina, and is settled in Tuscaloosa. The Rev. Mr. Cushman has resigned the station at Eufaula, and is officiating at Auburn and St. John's in the Wilderness. The Rev. Mr. Ellis has resigned the station at Cahawba, and preaches in Eufaula. The Rev. J. S. Marbury has resigned the Parish of Greensboro' from ill health. The Rev. J. M. Banister has left Demopolis and taken charge of the Parish at Greensboro'. The Rev. J. H. Ticknor has taken the missionary station of Livingston and Gainesville. The Rev. J. B. T. Smith has resigned the missionary station of Florence, and is settled in Tuscumbia. The Rev. J. M. Mitchell, having left Tuscaloosa, has taken charge of the Parish of St. John's in the Prairies; and the Rev. M. F. Maury, though not yet canonically transferred to the Diocese, has accepted a call to the Church in Selma.

The Female Diocesan School in Tuscaloosa, has been opened under the care of the Rev. Wm. Johnson, who to ripeness of scholarship has added experience in teaching. This School I would confidently recommend as worthy of patronage, as one in which our daughters can be well taught in their literary studies, and thoroughly instructed in the doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Church. As the patronage of the School may increase, the number of Teachers will be enlarged, so as to furnish the means of an extensive and varied education. It has often been a source of regret and mortification that Churchmen in the Diocese should be sending their children to schools of very doubtful claims, and expose them to the fearful influences of heresy and schism, when they might, at much less expense, build up schools in which instruction could be furnished in harmony with the doctrines of the Church. That education which tends to withdraw our children from the faith once delivered to the saints, is attended with a sacrifice for which no mere literary advantages or accomplishment can in any degree compensate: a sacrifice which we think no Christian parent ought to make, who duly regards his responsibility to his child, to his Church, and to his God.

The following official notices have been received from the Bishops respectively named, viz: from Bishop Upfold, notice of deposition from the Ministry of G. Lamb Roberts. From Bishop McIlvaine, of the deposition of Alfred M. Loutrel. From Bishop DeLancey, notice of the displacement of William J. Bakewell. From Bishop Elliott, notice of the deposition of Gardiner Jones. From Bishop Potter, notice of the displacement of J. J. Kerr.

I would beg leave to recommend to the members of the Church in this Diocese, the "Church Review," published in New-Haven, Conn. It is a publication con-

ducted with great ability and of sound conservative principles, and one that I should be gratified to see circulated throughout the whole extent of the Diocese.

I had intended to make some remarks on some subjects that are now exciting a very deep interest in the Church, both in England and the United States: but in a recent Address of the Bishops of England, to their respective Dioceses, I find what I might wish to say much better and more strongly set forth than I could hope to do. I shall therefore quote that Address, and commend its weighty and solemn councils to the profound respect to which a document emanating from such a source is so justly entitled.

"We, the undersigned, Archbishops and Bishops of the provinces of Canterbury and York, do most earnestly and affectionately commend the following address to the serious consideration of the Clergy of our respective Dioceses:

J. B. Cantuar.	G. Peterborough.
T. Ebor.	C. St. David's.
C. J. London.	H. Worcester.
E. Dunelm.	A. T. Cicestr.
C. R. Winton.	J. Lichfield.
J. Lincoln.	T. Ely.
C. Bangor.	S. Oxon.
H. Carlisle.	T. V. St. Asaph.
G. Rochester.	J. Chester.
J. H. Gloucester and Bristol.	S. Norwich.
C. T. Ripon.	A. Llandaff.
E. Sarum.	Auckland, Sodor and Man.

"*Beloved Brethren*—We have viewed with the deepest anxiety the troubles, suspicions, and discontents which have of late, in some parishes, accompanied the introduction of ritual observances, exceeding those in common use amongst us.

"We long indulged the hope that, under the influence of charity, forbearance, and a calm estimate of the small importance of such external forms, compared with the blessing of united action in the great spiritual work which is before our Church, these heats and jealousies might by mutual concessions be allayed. But since the evil still exists, and in one most important feature has assumed a new and more dangerous character, we feel that it is our duty to try whether an earnest and united address on our part may tend, under the blessing of God, to promote the restoration of peace and harmony in the Church.

"The principal point in dispute is this—whether, where the letter of the rubric seems to warrant a measure of ritual observance, which yet, by long, and possibly by unbroken practice, has not been carried out; the clergy are either in conscience required, or absolutely at liberty to act each upon his own view of the letter of the precept, rather than by the rule of common practice. Now, as to this question, we would urge upon you the following considerations: First, that any change of usages with which the religious feelings of a congregation have become associated, is in itself so likely to do harm, that it is not to be introduced without the greatest caution; secondly, that beyond this, any change which makes it difficult for the congregation at large to join in the service, is still more to be avoided; thirdly, that any change which suggests the fear of still further alterations is most injurious; and fourthly, that according to the rule laid down in the Book of Common Prayer, where anything is doubted or diversely taken 'concerning the manner how to understand, do, and execute the things contained in that book, the parties that so doubt, or diversely take anything, shall always resort to the Bishop of the Diocese, who, by his discretion, shall take order for the quieting and appeasing of the same, so that the same order be not contrary to anything contained in that book.'

"The fair application of these principles, would we believe, solve most of the difficulties which have arisen. It would prevent all sudden and startling alterations; and it would facilitate the reception of any change which was really lawful and desirable. We would, therefore, first, urge upon our reverend brethren, with affectionate earnestness, the adoption of such a rule of conduct. We would beseech all who, whether by excess or defect, have broken in upon the uniformity, and contributed to relax the authority of our ritual observances, to consider the importance of unity and order, and, by common consent, to avoid whatever might tend to violate them. In recommending this course, as the best under present circumstances, we do not shut our eyes to the evil of even the appearance of any discrepancy existing between the written law and the practice of the Church. But

there are many cases where the law may be variously interpreted; and we believe that we are best carrying out her own principles in urging you to have recourse, in all such cases, to the advice of her chief pastors.

"But beyond mere attempts to restore unusual strictness of ritual observance we have to deal with a distinct and serious evil. A principle has of late been avowed and acted on, which, if admitted, would justify far greater and more uncertain changes. It is this—that as the church of England is the ancient Catholic Church settled in this land before the Reformation, and was then reformed only by the casting away of certain strictly defined corruptions; therefore, whatever form or usage existed in the Church before its reformation may now be freely introduced and observed, unless there can be alleged against it the distinct letter of some formal prohibition.

"Now, against any such inference from the undoubted identity of the Church before and after the Reformation, we feel bound to enter our clear and unhesitating protest. We believe that at the Reformation, the English Church not only rejected certain corruptions, but also, without in any degree severing her connection with the ancient Catholic Church, intended to establish one uniform ritual, according to which her public services should be conducted. But it is manifest that a license such as is contended for is wholly incompatible with any uniformity of worship whatever, and at variance with the universal practice of the Catholic Church, which has never given to the officiating ministers of separate congregations any such large discretion in the selection of ritual observances.

"We therefore beseech any who may have proposed to themselves the restoration of what, under sanction of this principle, they deemed a lawful system, to consider the dangers which it involves; to see it in its true light, and to take a more just and sober view of the real position of our Church; whilst with equal earnestness, we beseech others, who, either by intentional omission or by neglect or laxity, may have disturbed the uniformity and weakened the authority of our prescribed ritual, to strengthen the side of order by avoiding all unnecessary deviations from the Church's rule.

"Such harmony of action, we are persuaded would, under God's blessing, go far towards restoring the peace of the Church. This happy result would more clearly exhibit her spiritual character. The mutual relations of her various members would be more distinctly perceived; and our lay brethren would more readily acknowledge the special trust committed to us as stewards of the mysteries of God, 'for the edifying of the body of Christ.' They would join with us in asserting, and, if need be, defending for themselves, as much as for us, the true spiritual freedom of the Church. They would unite with us in a more trustful spirit, and therefore with a more ready will, in enlarging her means and strengthening her powers for the great work she has to do among the swarming multitudes of our great towns at home and of our vast dominions abroad; and that Church which has so long received from the hands of God such unequalled blessings might continue to be—yea, and become more and more, 'a praise in the earth.'"

In connection with the above Address I would remark that as there are now several Churches in the Diocese in the process of erection, and as, in the progress of time, many more will necessarily be built, I would respectfully, but earnestly, warn Ministers and Congregations against any important innovations in the structure and arrangement of Churches and Chancels, and against giving too much prominence and importance to symbolical architecture, and especially that they would not mistake the teachings and usages of the dark and superstitious medieval ages for the faith and practice of primitive and apostolic times. Here we think is the starting point from which many persons, under the guidance of a "dim religious light," are gradually conducted downward into heresy and schism. We would, therefore, in the way of timely and solemn warning, advise that there be no setting aside of the Pulpit and Reading Desk—no disproportionate nor superfluous enlargement of the Chancel—no undue elevation nor fanciful decoration of the Communion Table, or Altar—no shifting of drapery and paraphernalia on the great Festivals and Fast days—no overloading the walls with symbols and ornaments of very doubtful propriety, and perchance of pagan origin—no needless departure from long established usage, either in the dress that is worn or in the postures that are used, or in the place where the service is performed. And particularly in the

administration of the Lord's Supper, let the Rubrics be carefully obeyed, according to their obvious common sense interpretation; and whilst the feelings of solemnity, and devotion, and reverence, should be earnestly and prayerfully cultivated and cherished, let there be no constrained sanctimoniousness, no formal nor studied exhibition of veneration: in a word, let there be nothing to indicate, either by word or posture, any approximation to the superstitious and idolatrous doctrine of Transubstantiation. These things, it is true, may seem to be but small matters, and as such to be treated with indifference, as involving no principle: so I long thought, and so I have often expressed myself: but subsequent reflection and observation have constrained me to believe, that these things are oftentimes the out-croppings that indicate a deep and dark subterranean mine of fearful error and of pestiferous and fatal heresy.

To one other subject I would briefly allude before I close this address, and that is to the importance of a regular attendance on the annual Conventions of the Diocese on the part of Ministers and Lay Delegates. I would urge this duty as one of high moral and christian obligation, and one that ought not lightly to be set aside on the ground of personal convenience. It is not often that this duty can be neglected without injurious consequences to Ministers and Parishes, and never without discouraging the heart and weakening the hands of the Bishop. If therefore we would keep up and diffuse throughout the Diocese a lively interest in the cause of the Church—and without this the Church can never flourish—let Ministers and Lay Delegates feel it to be a sacred duty, which they owe to the Parishes, to the Diocese, and to the Church, to be punctual in their attendance at the Diocesan Convention.

N. H. COBBS,  
Bp. Prot. Ep. Ch. in Ala.

On motion, referred to the Committee on the state of the Church,  
The Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

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#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—4 o'clock P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee. The ballots being counted, the tellers, the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL and A. BENNERS, reported the following gentlemen duly elected as said committee:—The Rev. Messrs. KNAPP, MASSEY and MORRISON, of the Clergy, and Messrs. LESESNE, ALISON and W. P. HAMMOND, of the Laity.

On motion, the election of Delegates to the General Convention was postponed.

The committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report:

The undersigned, Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave respectfully to report that they have attended to the duty assigned to them, and find upon page twenty-five of the Journal, the following proposed amendments to the Constitution, which require the action of this Convention, to wit:

1st.—A proposed amendment to Article 3. "Every Clergyman in ecclesiastical connection with this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, provided said connection shall have been of six months duration."

2d.—A proposed amendment to Article 10. "Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, a sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion—the

preacher to be appointed by the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Ch'mn.,

E. W. MURRAY,

J. H. TICKNOR,

J. M. MITCHELL.

The amendment to the 3d article of the Constitution was then submitted to the Convention and rejected.

The amendment to the 10th was then considered, and adopted by a constitutional majority.

The following Canon was proposed and unanimously adopted :

*Candidates for Orders ineligible to the Convention of the Diocese.*

No person, who is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church, shall be permitted to accept an appointment as delegate to the Convention of the Diocese.

Notice was given that on to-morrow a motion would be made to repeal the 14th Canon.

On motion, the consideration of the business of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen was made the special order for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The following resolution was then introduced :

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be holden in the City of Tuscaloosa, on the second Thursday in May, 1852, which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

The Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }  
Saturday, May 10th, 1851—9 o'clock A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Right Reverend Bishop. After which, on motion, the Rules of Order were suspended and the following amendment to the 3d article of the Constitution was introduced—that after the word Convention in that article, the following words be introduced. viz : "Provided, that no Minister shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding."

Which amendment was unanimously adopted, and laid over for the consideration of the next Convention.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the 14th Canon of 1850, be repealed.

The committee on the State of the Church made the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee on the state of the Church are happy to report that they find in the abstract of the Parochial reports submitted to them, cheering proof of the healthy condition and growth of the Church. New fields have been opened, inviting

culture, and promising a good harvest to the diligent cultivator. And *the old* give tokens of the Holy presence of Him who has promised that they who sow shall surely reap.

They have reason to believe that wherever the Church may be presented to a well instructed people, her sound doctrine, pure worship and wholesome discipline, will commend themselves to a ready acceptance. And believing so, they would suggest the expediency of making strong efforts to promote the general education of the people of the State. Not only would they recommend the liberal support of Schools conducted on Church principles, but they would also suggest to the Clergy the expediency of urging upon the people of Alabama, the duty of providing for all the children of the State a sound education.

The committee, while thankfully receiving the testimony afforded by the Address of the Bishop to the healthy condition of the Church in this Diocese, heartily respond to the prudent counsel and wise admonition which it contains, in harmony with the Address of the Bishops of the Church of England, on the subject of innovations in ritual observances, and the tendency of an extravagant admiration of symbolism in Church architecture to foster superstition and error.

They would also adopt his views in regard to the duty of attending the Convention of the Diocese, recommending to the Clergy not only to be punctual in their attendance, but also to urge upon their congregations the importance of sending full delegations, and of taking a deep interest in the business of the Church.

In conclusion, while they would insist that there is much to be done before we can fill the measure of our duty, we rejoice that God has hitherto greatly blessed our efforts to spread the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, and the blessings of the Church, which He has promised to be with always, even unto the end of the world.

N. P. KNAPP, Chairman.

The committee to whom were referred the letter and accompanying documents from the Archbishop of Canterbury, made the following report, and proposed certain resolutions :

The Select Committee to whom was referred certain documents transmitted to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of this Diocese, by the Most Rev. the Archbishop of Canterbury, as President of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave respectfully to report :

Our Church has ever been ready to acknowledge her indebtedness to the Church of England for "her first foundation and for a long continuance of nursing care and protection." The intimate connection which has existed between the two Churches in days gone by, and our present identity of interest, attach a peculiar propriety to the interchange of opinions and the expression of kind sympathies. The occasion which calls forth the present communication is one of special interest. They tell us that it is now one hundred and fifty years since "certain members of the British Church were moved, through God's mercy, to cast an eye of compassion upon the lamentable state of religion among their countrymen abroad." They found, upon enquiry, but four Episcopal clergymen in the whole Continent of America; and having obtained a Charter, they banded themselves together, to supply this fearful destitution—being the first Missionary Society of the Reformed Church. Not only did they seek the welfare of the white population, but the Red men were also the objects of their benevolent care. Their very first report shows that they had taken charge of the Five Nations, and other Indian tribes. The religious instruction of slaves was also an object which occupied a prominent place in the views of the Society; and it is believed that the influence exerted by them in this respect, is felt even at the present day in our Southern States.

The history of the American Church evidences that we are under greater obligations to this Venerable Society than we are able to express. Each of the Colonies was at one time or other the object of her care. Clergymen, Catechists, and Teachers, supported by her funds, carried the instructions of the Gospel into the wilds of the forest, and among the rude fishermen on the coast. She saw too that Episcopal supervision was the greatest need of our infant communion; that for want of it our people were as sheep without a shepherd. Over and over again did she lift up her voice and urge the sending to us of a Suffragan "to ordain some, confirm others, and bless all."

During that season in the English Church when faith and prayer waxed cold, the hands of this Society were enfeebled, but her efforts did not cease. And after

this time had passed away and the American Colonies had asserted their independence, she entered on a noble career. Lifting up her eyes Northward and Southward, and Eastward and Westward, she coveted the lands for Christ, and sent forth her Ministers to diffuse the blessings of the Gospel along the banks of the Ganges, amid the snows of Canada, and in the distant isles of the Southern Ocean. We see this Society now preparing to celebrate her third Jubilee. During this century and a half they have expended *ten millions of Dollars* in carrying out the objects of their association. Twenty-two out of twenty-five Dioceses owing allegiance to the See of Canterbury, have received her aid. She has now in the field four hundred missionaries, at an annual expense of \$375,000, and contemplates yet greater efforts, and enlarged expenditures.

We are invited to participate in this Jubilee. We feel that we have a right to rejoice in the triumphs of that noble Apostolic Church of England which, heedless of foes and taunts, has done a missionary work worthy of Apostolic days. The observance of this Jubilee will tend to impress upon our minds the reality of those results which flow from long continued and systematic christian enterprise; and will also afford our Clergy a fit opportunity to encourage the missionary spirit, and to remind their people of the goodness of God our Saviour, as displayed in his Providential dealings with our Church, in raising up this Society beyond the Ocean, when no man cared for our souls.

**The committee recommend, in conclusion, the adoption of the following resolutions:**

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention has heard with interest and pleasure, the communication of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the accompanying documents, giving an account of the labors and success of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to whose care the American Church is so largely indebted for its establishment and support.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop be requested, in his reply, to convey the assurance that this Convention is not unmindful of "the relation of our two countries, and the intimate connection which subsisted between the Society and many of the States during the greater part of the last century"—that it congratulates the Venerable Society upon the valuable results of its past labors, wishing it an increased measure of success in the future; and that the Church in Alabama will cheerfully join in the celebration proposed.

**3. Resolved,** That this Convention (with the approbation and consent of the Bishop,) do recommend to the Clergy of the Diocese to join in this commemoration on Sunday, June 22d, by preaching suitable sermons to their people, and that the Bishop be requested to set forth a prayer or prayers to be used on the occasion.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

**The agent for the Bishop's Fund made the following report:**

*To the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D:*

**Dear Sir:—**The Agent appointed to collect subscriptions for the special Bishop's Fund, begs leave to report, that since the last Annual Convention he has collected the following sums, from

Mrs. David Moore, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	\$100
Mrs. Mary P. Rice, " "	100
John Simpson, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	50
R. W. Broadnax, Esq., " "	20
Capt. J. B. Walker, Steamer Isabella, (Trinity Church, Mobile)	25
Jno. P. Brown, St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,	100
Mrs. Florence E. Mudd, St. John's Church, Elyton,	20

**Total.....\$415**

**All of which is respectfully submitted.**

**HENRY A. TAYLOR.**

On motion, it was accepted.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund made the following report of the amount of the Special Fund for the support of the Episcopate ;

The Trustees of the special Bishop's Fund, report the amount at last Convention,.....\$10,849 75  
By amount collected since last Convention,.....415 00

All of which is respectfully submitted, \$11,264 75

H. A. TAYLOR.

The report, on motion, was accepted.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report :

BISHOP'S FUND in account with H. A. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

1850. CR.

May 11—By balance,.....\$27 50  
St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....\$200 00  
Christ Church, Mobile,.....500 00  
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....200 00  
St. Michael's Church,.....20 00  
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,.....25 00  
Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....45 00  
Trinity Church, Mobile,.....50 00  
St. John's Church, in the Wilderness,.....25 00  
St. James' Church, Eufaula,.....25 00  
St. John's Church, in the Prairies,.....20 00  
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,.....30 00  
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....50 00  
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....80 00  
Union Parish,.....100 00  
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....150 00  
St. David's Church, Dallas county,.....50 00  
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,.....25 00  
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,.....50 00  
St. James' Church, Livingston,.....50 00  
May 25.—St. Paul's Church, Carlsville,.....50 00  
St. John's Church, Tusculumbia,.....25 00  
St. Mark's Church, Greene county,.....10 00—\$1,780 00  
Balance,.....2 50

DR.

1850.—May 13.—To cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,....\$1,735 00

1851.—June 31.—“ “ “ “ “ .....50 00

October.—“ “ “ “ “ .....25 00

\$1,810 00 \$1,810 00

1851.—May.—To balance,.....\$2 50

CONTINGENT FUND in account with H. A. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

1850. CR.

May 4.—By Balance,.....\$30 70  
May 9.—By St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....\$8 00  
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....4 00  
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....4 00  
Union Parish,.....4 00  
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....4 00  
St. James' Church, Livingston,.....4 00  
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,.....4 00  
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,.....4 00  
Trinity Church, Mobile,.....4 00  
St. David's Church, Dallas county,.....4 00  
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, (1849),.....4 00  
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,.....4 00  
Trinity Church, Demopolis, (1849),.....4 00  
St. John's Church, in the Wilderness,.....4 00  
May 25.—St. Paul's Church, Carlsville,.....4 00  
June 31.—Christ Church, Mobile,.....25 00  
“ “ Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....8 00—\$97 00  
To balance,.....42 30  
\$160 00



1850.

DR.

May 12.—To cash paid Sexton of St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	\$ 5 00
June 31.—" " " for printing Journal,.....	130 00
Oct. 4th.—" " " quota at General Convention,.....	24 00
1851.—May.—Postage—freight,.....	1 00
	<u>\$160 00</u>

1851.—May.—To balance,.....\$42 30

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund made the following report :

To the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs, D. D.

Dear Sir:—The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to make the following report of the state of the Permanent Fund of the Diocese :

One note dated 1st of March, 1848,.....	\$132 00
" " " One year's interest,.....	10 56
" " " 5th of March, 1849,.....	135 00
" " " One year's interest,.....	10 87
" " " due 20th of May, 1851,.....	375 00
" " " " " ".....	165 00
" " " " " ".....	140 25
" " " " 13th of May, ".....	185 41
" " " dated 18th of May, 1850,.....	216 30
One draft dated 17th of April, 1851,.....	108 00
	<u>\$1,478 39</u>

*Christmas Offerings, 1850.*

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,.....	\$15 00
St. David's Church, Dallas County,.....	10 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	6 45
St. Michael's Church, Marion,.....	5 30
St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....	23 40
	<u>60 35</u>

\$1,538 74

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Trustee.

On motion, it was accepted.

The Bible, Tract and Prayer Book Committee made the following report :

*Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Sunday School Committee—*

In account with THOMAS LESESNE, Treasurer.

1850.—May 7.—By balance due, as per account furnished,.....	\$32 56
May 21.—Received from Rev. Mr. Knapp, collection at Christ Ch., Mobile, \$40; for books sold, \$10,.....	50 00
June 5.—Received for 2 doz. Prayer Books,.....	4 80
1851.—January 21.—Received from Rev. R. A. Cobbs, from St. David's,...	15 00
April 3.—Received per Rev. Mr. Knapp, from Christ Church,.....	20 00
" " " from Rev. Mr. Morrison, per Rev. Mr. Massey,...	10 00
" " " Trinity Church, " " " ".....	10 00

DR.

1850.—May 25.—To remitted D. Dana, in full,.....	\$81 20
" " " T. C. Butler, on account,.....	7 30
1851.—May 8.—To Balance in hands of Treasurer, carried down,...	43 86
	<u>\$132 36</u> <u>\$132 36</u>

May 8.—By balance in hands of Treasurer, brought down,.....\$43 86

THOMAS LESESNE, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, May 8, 1851.

## MEMORANDUM.

Balance due T. C. Butler, Agent,.....\$78 80  
 In hands of Treasurer, as above,.....\$43 86  
 Due for books sold, \$10 and \$11 03,.....21 03  
 Balance to be furnished by the Committee,.....13 91—\$78 80

On motion, it was accepted.

The President retired, and the Rev. Mr. LEE took the chair.

The committee on Finance made the following report, and submitted certain resolutions :

The Committee on Finance report, That they have examined the Treasurer's account, and find it correct.

He reports a small sum as having been collected from assessments made up to the 1st of May, 1850, over and above the amount required to provide for the salary of the Bishop, and that a small sum may yet be collected.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay over to the Bishop, for his travelling expenses to the General Convention, such balance as may remain unappropriated from all assessments made for his support up to the 1st of May, 1850.

The Committee have had under consideration a resolution of enquiry from the Convention, as to the most judicious investment of collections made for the Bishop's Fund. And they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That the Convention recommend to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, as early a collection of the sums subscribed as may be practicable, and the loan of it upon bond and mortgage of real estate. The interest to be paid annually.

The Committee have also had under consideration a resolution of enquiry from the Convention as to the propriety of increasing the salary of the Bishop. They believe that the same should be increased, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That from and after the 1st day of May, 1851, the salary of the Bishop shall be Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars per annum, and that the following shall be the assessment in the Parishes, to provide for it and for contingent expenses :

Bishop's Salary. Contingent Fund.	
Christ Church, Mobile,.....	\$500 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	250 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....	250 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	150 00
Union Parish, Marengo and Perry Ct's,.....	125 00
St. Andrews' Church, Macon,.....	80 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	100 00
St. John's Church, in the Prairies,....	20 00
St. James Church, Livingston,.....	62 50
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,....	100 00
St. Peters' Church, Lowndes County,....	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlisle,.....	50 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,.....	20 00
Trinity Church, Florence,.....	25 00
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba,.....	50 00
St. David's Church, Dallas County,....	94 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....	30 00
St. John's Church in the Wilderness,...	25 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula,.....	25 00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,.....	30 00
Trinity Church, Mobile,.....	112 50
St. Mark's Church, Greene County,....	40 00
St. Michael's Church, Marion,.....	30 00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,.....	35 00
St. John's Church, Elyton,.....	20 00
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	\$2,274 00
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	\$175 50

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions unanimously adopted.

The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, the subject of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, being the special order, was taken up for consideration, and a report, to wit:

*Report on the Fund for relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.*

1850.—May 4.—To balance,.....	\$0 03
May 10.—By subscriptions from members,.....	\$95 00
June 1st, St. Paul's, Carlisleville,.....	13 25
1851.—March 22d, St. Luke's, Jacksonville,.....	5 00
1851.—May, From a Lady of St. Mark's Church, Greene County,.....	5 00
Interest on \$95 for one year,.....	7 60
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	\$125 85

Was submitted by the Treasurer, which, on motion, was referred to a committee of three Laymen, viz: Messrs. ANDERSON, McCORD and LANG, to report as soon as practicable.

Securities held by the Treasurer of the above Society, ..\$585 02  
Amount on hand,.....: 125 85

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\$710 87

The following resolution was then taken up and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the next Convention be holden in the City of Tuscaloosa on the second Thursday in May, 1852.

The Right Rev. Bishop presented the report of the Missionary Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, would report to the Convention that during the past year they have granted appropriations to three stations in the Diocese, and that during the ensuing year they hope to assist other fields. The Treasurer's account has not yet been received—but if not forwarded in time for the Convention, it will appear in the Journal.

N. H. COBBS,  
Chairman of Committee.

Which, on motion, was accepted.

On motion, the Rev. Messrs. MARBURY, MURDAUGH and BANISTER, of the Clergy, and Messrs. TAYLOR and BARNUM, of the Laity, were elected members of the Missionary Committee.

On motion, THOMAS W. MCCOY was re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, the following gentlemen were elected the Lay Members of the Bible, Tract and Prayer Book Committee:—THOMAS LESENE, EMANUEL JONES and W. P. HAMMOND.

On motion, the Rev. F. B. LEE and N. P. KNAPP, of the Clergy, and Messrs. ALISON, A. W. ELLERBE and JOHN SIMPSON, of the Laity, were elected members of the Standing Committee of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen:

On motion, Messrs. CROOM, PIERCE and TAYLOR were re-elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Whereupon the Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

Immediately after service, the Convention was called to order.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be required to have 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention, with the Constitution and Canons, printed for distribution.

The committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, presented the following report, with accompanying recommendations :

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, beg leave to report, That they have witnessed with pleasure, the gradual increase of this fund from its small beginnings, chiefly through the active exertions of the treasurer of the Society, to its present respectable amount, and express their hope that this important fund will at length attain to the desirable footing it occupies in South Carolina and other Dioceses, in which its benefits have been most strikingly apparent. In the opinion of your committee, an adequate provision for the maintenance of disabled clergymen, and the widows and orphans of those who have died in the midst of their labors, is next only in importance to the proper support of the Episcopate, and of the parochial ministry. There is little doubt that relief from all anxiety on this subject, would be a strong inducement to clergymen to cast their lot and remain among us, and would enable them more wholly to devote their energies to the duties of their calling. Ministers are cut off by the habits of their profession, and indeed by the very turn of mind which brought them into it from those secular employments in which others profitably engage, and in which their talents and acquirements might be expected to command success, and it ought to be regarded as a duty, no less than a pleasure, by those for whose spiritual benefit they labor, as it is also their interest, to put them above all care and inquietude on this important head.

Your committee therefore recommend that the secretary of the Society be requested to address a letter to the Secretary of the Vestry in each Parish, desiring him to submit this subject to the congregations of the different churches, and besides obtaining life members and contributions to the Society, endeavor to secure a sufficient sum to constitute the Parish Minister a life member of the same, and report the result of his efforts to the next Convention. They also recommend that whatever offerings may be made at the approaching celebration of the Jubilee of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, be contributed, at the discretion of the Rector of the Parish, to the funds of this Society.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the recommendations were unanimously adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Montgomery, and especially to the proprietors of the Exchange and Madison House, for their hospitality.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to set forth a form of service, proper to be used in officiating to the colored people, and such catechism or other system of instruction, as he deems advisable.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Diocese pay to the Sexton of St. John's Church, Montgomery, five dollars for services rendered during this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock P. M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }  
 Saturday, 5 o'clock P. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, *Resolved*, That H. A. TAYLOR continue to act as an agent to collect subscriptions for the Bishop's Fund.

The Rev. RICHARD JOHNSON, of Georgia, appeared and took a seat in the Convention.


After prayer and the benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

N. H. COBBS, President.

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

A. BENNERS, Assistant Secretary.

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 The following Resolution was adopted in the Convention of 1849, and is still in force:

*Resolved*, That the Clergymen in their respective Parishes, be required to take up a collection on each Christmas day for the benefit of the Bishop's Fund, and where a Clergyman officiates in more than one Parish, a collection be taken up as early after Christmas as convenient for that purpose, in the Parish in which no service may be held on Christmas day, and that these collections be called Christmas offerings.

# REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, *Treasurer,*

*In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.*

1850.

DR.

May 7.—To balance, per report to Convention, .....	\$490 58
August.—To cash in letter from Bishop Cobbs, of 20th Aug., collected in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	8 00
October.—To cash per Rev. G. F. Cushman's letter of 7th Oct., contribution of Miss E. Barnes, of St. John's Church, in the Wilderness, .....	50 00
November.—To cash in letter from Bishop Cobbs, of 18th Nov., collection in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	33 70
December 17.—To cash, per Mr. G. P. Beirne, collection in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,.....	63 00

1851.

January.—To cash, of Rev. E. W. Murray, from a lady of St. Mark's Church, Greene county,.....	5 00
March 10.—To cash of Rev. M. F. Maury, collection in St. Paul's Church, Selma, .....	13 00
April 2.—To cash of Rev. Mr. Marbury, collection in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	48 00
April 17.—To cash of Rev. N. P. Knapp—	
Collection in Christ Church, Mobile, 1850,.....	107 00
do. do. do. 1851,.....	135 00

1850.

CR.

May 21.—By cash paid Bp. Cobbs order of May 12, favor Rev. J. A. Massey,.....	\$100 00
June 22.—By cash paid Bishop Cobbs' order of 5th June, in favor of Rev. Wm. Scull,.....	40 00
June 22.—By cash paid Bishop Cobbs' order of 11th May, in favor of Rev. W. J. Ellis, .....	50 00

1851.

February 17.—By cash paid Bishop Cobbs' order of January 9th, in favor of Rev. E. W. Murray,.....	50 00
By balance on hand,.....	713 28
	<u>\$953 28</u> <u>\$953 28</u>

1851.—May 8.—To balance on hand,.....\$713 28

THOMAS W. MCCOY, *Treasurer.*

E. E.—Mobile, May 8th, 1851.

THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

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The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion and piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity, the advantages of the ministry, and ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution :

ARTICLE 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be an annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the next preceding Convention.

ART. 3. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman in ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, being a Minister or assistant Minister of some Parish within the same, or a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority thereof, or being a President, Professor or Tutor in some Institution of learning recognized and approved by this Convention, or being unable to discharge the duties of the ministry on account of age or infirm health, or a chaplain in the Army or Navy, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Delegates, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof from the Church within the same.

ART. 4. Four members of the Clerical order and the delegations of four Parishes shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business : but a smaller number may adjourn.

ART. 5. The Bishop shall be President of the Convention. If he be absent, or if there be no Bishop, the Convention shall choose a President *pro tempore*, from the Presbyters present. The Bishop may make any motion which he shall judge conducive to the good of the Church ; but shall not enter into debate ; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon. He may call *special* Conventions at whatever times and places he may think necessary. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, this power shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

**ART. 6.** A Secretary shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public accounts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession.

**ART. 7.** In Convention the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate and vote as one body. But if it be required by two Clergymen, or the delegation of two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in which case, each Clergyman shall cast one vote, and the delegation of each Parish one vote, and a majority of the votes of each order, thus cast, shall be decisive. In electing a Bishop the Laity shall vote by Parishes, as herein provided.

**ART. 8.** The election of a Bishop shall be made in Convention, in the following manner:—The Clergy shall nominate by ballot, some fit and qualified clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States for that office, the votes of a majority of that order being necessary to constitute a choice. Such nomination shall be communicated to the Lay Delegates, and be considered by them; and if, on a ballot, it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved by a majority of the Parishes represented, he shall be then declared duly elected.

**ART. 9.** The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three Clergymen, and three Laymen, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Convention. Vacancies in the Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

**ART. 10.** Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, a sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion—the preacher to be appointed by the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

**ART. 11.** A proposition to alter this Constitution, shall be made in writing, and if approved by two-thirds of the Convention, shall be submitted to the next Convention; if approved by a majority of the two orders therein, voting separately, it shall be adopted; the Constitution, so altered, shall be valid.



# CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

ADOPTED IN 1851.

## CANON I.

### OF THE VESTRY OF A PARISH.

**SEC. 1.** In every Parish, there shall be an annual election on Easter Monday, or on such day thereafter as the Parish may appoint, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than three, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of the Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens, one of whom shall be designated as Senior Warden of the Parish. The Vestry shall elect a Secretary, whose duty shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned to him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and documents belonging to the Parish, that may be in his possession.

**SEC. 2.** In electing a Vestry, any person shall be entitled to vote who is a holder or renter of one entire pew, or is a contributor to the Church to such an amount as the respective Parish shall appoint. When two or more persons shall hold or rent a pew, they shall be jointly entitled to one vote. In forming new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote, who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association.

**SEC. 3.** No person shall be elected a Vestryman, who is not a pew-holder, or a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected; provided that no person shall be qualified to act as a Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures.

**SEC. 4.** It shall be the duty of the Vestry, to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate its temporal concerns, elect and call a Minister, and provide for his maintenance; to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine Worship, and in general, to act as helpers to the Minister, in whatever is appropriate to Laymen, for the furtherance of the Gospel. It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially, to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit. Parishes now incorporated, are excepted from any part of this Canon interfering with their Articles of Association, or By-Laws,

## CANON II.

## OF ADMITTING A CHURCH OR PARISH INTO UNION WITH THIS DIOCESE.

No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Diocese, unless the Articles of Association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to the Convention by a member thereof.

## CANON III.

## OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION, AND TITLE OF A PARISH TO LAY DELEGATES.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of every Parish in union with the Convention, to send a number, not exceeding five, of Lay Delegates to the Convention, who shall be chosen by the Vestry from among the parishioners.

SEC. 2. No Parish shall be entitled to a Lay Delegation, until all assessments upon the same, made by the Convention, not specially remitted, shall have been paid to the Treasurer thereof; nor shall any Parish be entitled to Lay Delegation, which shall be in arrears six months in the payment of the salary of their Minister, which may hereafter accrue.

## CANON IV.

## QUALIFICATION OF DELEGATES.

The qualification for a Delegate to the Convention shall be the same as for a Vestryman: except only, that no pecuniary contributions shall be a necessary qualification.

## CANON V.

## CERTIFICATES TO BE PRESENTED BY DELEGATES.

Delegates to the Convention from the several Parishes shall present a certificate, signed by the Secretary of the Vestry, or by the Rector, or by one of the Wardens, in the following form:

This certifies, that at a meeting of the Vestry of ——— Church, held on ——— day of ———, A, B and C, were duly elected Lay Delegates to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, to be holden on the ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———.

## CANON VI.

## OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention shall elect, at a regular annual meeting, Delegates to the General Convention, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

## CANON VII.

## OF ATTENDANCE OF THE CLERGY ON CONVENTIONS.

The regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, being deemed of great importance to the interests of

the Church, is a *duty* with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere. And it is recommended to the Parishes to make provision for the expenses incurred by their respective Ministers in attending the Convention. At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein, shall be called over.

### CANON VIII.

#### A LIST TO BE MADE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. Before the meeting of every Convention, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall cause to be prepared a list of all the Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or stations as Missionaries, or of the Institutions of learning in which they are engaged; and the places of residence of such as are not employed in either of the ways above mentioned; specifying at the same time who, of either class, are Deacons: but no person, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on such list. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom. The same shall be appended to the journal, and sent to the Secretary of the General Convention.

SEC. 2. When the right of any Clergyman to a seat in the Convention is disputed, it shall be determined, according to the provisions of the Constitution, by the Convention itself; whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

### CANON IX.

#### OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

The Secretary shall be, *ex officio*, Treasurer of the Convention, until a Treasurer is elected. He shall forward, in due time, to the Treasurer of the General Convention, the amount assessed upon the Diocese for the contingent expenses of the General Convention.

### CANON X.

#### OF RECEIVING A CLERGYMAN INTO A PARISH.

No Clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Parish, unless he first produce to the Vestry thereof, a certificate from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, from the Standing Committee, that he has presented satisfactory testimonials that he is an accredited Minister of the Church, in good standing.

### CANON XI.

#### OF PARISH REGISTERS AND REPORTS.

SEC. 1. Every Minister shall keep a register of all the baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals solemnized by him, or in his Parish by any other Minister, specifying the names and times

of birth of the children baptised, together with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptised, and also the witnesses of the baptism; the names of those confirmed, and by whom; the names of the persons married, and of persons buried, and also the times when each rite and sacrament were performed. This register shall be kept in a book to be provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry in each Parish, which book shall be called the Parish Register, and shall be considered as a part of the records of the Parish.

SEC. 2. In addition to the register above named, the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure, specifying the time when the former became communicants of his Parish, and whether by removal from some other Parish, or otherwise.

SEC. 3. Every Minister shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals and confirmations, within his cure, since the last Convention—and also the number of communicants—specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other Churches, or otherwise, during the same time: and also of the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday Schools, and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collection: together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish.

SEC. 4. In every Parish destitute of a Minister, the register shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the annual parochial reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or the President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish.

## CANON XII.

### OF THE DIVISION OF A PARISH.

When any portion of a Parish in connexion with this Convention shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt Articles of Association, and apply to the Convention for admission. In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division, the portion seeking for it shall make known the fact to the Convention, and the Convention shall then decide upon the expediency of separation.

## CANON XIII.

### TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

SEC. 1. In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made in the first place, to the clerical members of the Standing Committee, in writing, under the

proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, or of the General Convention, and that it ought to be presented, they shall present the same to the Bishop, in the following form :

*To A. B., Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama :*

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, respectfully represent, that **C. D.** has been accused under the hand of E. F. and G. H., [here recite the charge or charges,] and the Committee are of opinion that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canon in such case made and provided.

[SIGNED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE.]

**SEC. 2.** But nothing herein contained, shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion, according to the 37th Canon of the General Convention.

**SEC. 3.** A presentment being made, the Bishop shall communicate the same to the accused, by furnishing him a copy, and shall proceed to form a Court for his trial, in the following manner :— At a time and place designated by the Bishop, of which reasonable notice shall be given to the accused, with a written summons to attend, the names of all the Presbyters entitled to seats in Convention shall be placed in a box, and eight names shall be drawn therefrom by some person having no supposed bias in the case, in the presence of the accused, or his agent appointed in writing, or if neither attend, in presence of two witnesses chosen by the Bishop : A list of the names so drawn shall be made as they are called, and a copy thereof given to the accused, or left at his usual place of abode—from which list he shall within thirty days, select five names, and give notice thereof to the Bishop. The Presbyters whose names are reported as thus selected, shall constitute the Court for the trial of the accused.

**SEC. 4.** The Court shall hold its session at such time and place as the Bishop may appoint, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed ; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Court who may be present, being not less than three (3,) shall proceed to trial. The Court shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter not of their own body ; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved ; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the council to administer

an oath, or affirmation to the witnesses; and the trial shall be in public, if desired by the accused.

SEC. 5. A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Court shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, (if he be not found) at least thirty (30) days before such meeting: and like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who, by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence in support of the accusation, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution.

SEC. 6. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shewn, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon, shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end, before the Court; and if he do not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 7. Upon the application of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman or Layman, as a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party such notice of the time and place of taking the deposition as the Bishop shall require. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness; and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner, and transmitted under seal, to the Court.

SEC. 8. When the trial shall be gone through, the Court shall declare, in a writing, to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence, and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon, the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, and such sentence shall be final.— But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case a new Court shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided.

SEC. 9. If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the

charges, the Bishop, (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Court,) shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Court, the accused shall neither admit, nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of a Presbyter, or Deacon, as herein provided, the finding of the Court and his sentence thereupon.

Sec. 11. The Bishop of the Diocese, and in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, shall have power whenever he or they shall judge that the interest of the Church require it, to suspend such accused Clergyman during the progress of such trial.

#### CANON XIV.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS INELIGIBLE TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE.

No person, who is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church, shall be permitted to accept an appointment as delegate to the Convention of the Diocese.

#### CANON XV.

ALTERATIONS OF THE CANONS AND ADDITIONS THERETO.

No proposed alteration of, or addition to, the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention (unless by unanimous consent) without at least one day's notice thereof in open Convention; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein, but in such case the same shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

#### CANON XVI.

All former Canons are hereby repealed.

# Abstract of the Journal Reports.

When admitted into Union.	Baptisms.				Communicants.				Schools.				Pd to Bishop's Assessment.	Paid to Congregation.	Paid to Diocesan Missionary Society.	Other Contributions.	PRESENT MINISTERS.				
	Children.	Adults.	White.	col'd	Whole No.	Confirmed.	Married.	Buried.	Added.	Died.	Removed.	Colored.						Whole No.	Teachers.	White Scholars.	Colored Scholars.
Christ Church, Mobile.....	1830	32	4	6	49	15	27	96	4	180	18	100	100	\$400 00	\$10 50	\$135 00	\$641 45	Rev. N. P. Knapp.....			
Christ Church, Tuskegee.....	1830	21	1	4	26	4	2	7	69	3	18	125	0	125 00	5 50	27 50	27 50	Rev. W. Johnson.....			
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.....	1830	11	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	63	30	30	30	30 00	5 50		71 15	Rev. J. M. Bantier.....			
Trinity Church, Demopolis.....	1835																				
St. John's Church in the Prairies.....	1836	9	1	1	3	7	9	1	10	6	17	50	4	16	50	50	39 45	160 15	Rev. J. M. Mitchell.....		
St. John's Church, Livingston.....	1837	15	2	1	17	3	2	1	4	5	1	53	10	50	30	30	200 00	10 50	143 40	Rev. J. H. Titcher.....	
St. Peter's Church, Montgomery.....	1837	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	33	8	31	50	50	35	35	5 50	61 35	Rev. J. H. Morrison.....		
St. Michael's Church, Marion.....	1839	17	5	2	23	6	2	2	8										Rev. W. A. Stukely.....		
St. Paul's Church, Lowndes County.....	1839	17	5	2	23	6	2	2	8										Rev. F. B. Lee.....		
St. Luke's Church, Selma.....	1839	5	3	1	8	1	5	1	5	1	30	5	90	8	90	8	50 00	17 50	Rev. F. B. Lee.....		
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.....	1839	5	3	1	8	1	5	1	5	1	30	5	90	8	90	8	50 00	17 50	Rev. J. B. T. Smith.....		
St. John's Church, Tusculum.....	1840																				
Trinity Church, Florence.....	1840																				
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.....	1843	27	8	12	47	13	2	5	13	1	4	42	7	40	50	50	93 80	5 50	63 00	Rev. H. C. Lay.....	
St. David's Church, Dallas.....	1844	1	8	10	1	3	2	1	1	1	14	5	9	50	50	80	80 00	5 50	65 02	Rev. R. A. Cobbs.....	
St. Andrew's Church, Mecon.....	1844																				
Union Parish, Uniontown.....	1845																				
St. James' Church, Enfield.....	1845	14	2	7	16	8	1	1	9	1	1	3	4	3	25	25	100 00	5 50		Rev. E. C. Mundscho.....	
St. John's Church in the Wilderness.....	1845																				
St. Stephen's Church, Eastaw.....	1846	29	3	32	14	15	37	3	21	1	1	12	4	12	30	30	905 00	5 50		Rev. W. J. Ellis.....	
Trinity Church, Mobile.....	1847	1	9	10	1	3														Rev. E. W. Murray.....	
St. Mark's Church, Greene County.....	1847	1	9	10	1	3														Rev. E. W. Murray.....	
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.....	1849	6	2	8	3															Rev. E. W. Murray.....	
St. John's Church, Elyton.....	1850	1	6	2	8	3														Rev. D. D. Flower.....	
Trinity Church, Auburn.....	1850																			Rev. G. F. Cushman.....	
		156	31	49	3	593	75	50	85	103	11	53	19	77	78	300	56	\$1713 80	\$67 00	\$838 45	\$1997 00



## Diocesan Officers.

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### *Standing Committee :*

Rev. N. P. KNAPP, President, Mobile.  
Rev. J. H. MORRISON, W. P. HAMMOND,  
Rev. J. A. MASSEY, H. L. ALISON,  
THOMAS LESENE.

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### *Missionary Committee :*

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, *ex-officio* President.  
Rev. J. S. MARBURY, HENRY A. TAYLOR,  
Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH, A. BARNUM,  
Rev. J. M. BANISTER.  
Treasurer—THOMAS W. MCCOY, Mobile.

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### *Trustees of the Bishop's Fund :*

ISAAC CROOM, Greensboro',  
H. A. TAYLOR, Macon,  
W. F. PIERCE, Eutaw,

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### *Delegates to the General Convention :*

Rev. N. P. KNAPP, HENRY A. TAYLOR,  
Rev. J. H. MORRISON, M. J. CONLEY,  
Rev. J. M. BANISTER, A. BENNERS,  
Rev. H. C. LAY, T. B. TAYLOR.

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### *Bible, Prayer Book, Tract, and Sunday School Book Committee :*

Rev. N. P. KNAPP, THOMAS LESENE,  
Rev. J. A. MASSEY, EMANUEL JONES,  
W. P. HAMMOND.

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### *Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention :*

HENRY A. TAYLOR, Macon, Marengo County.

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### *Standing Committee of the Society for the Relief of disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen :*

Rev. F. B. LEE, H. L. ALISON,  
Rev. N. P. KNAPP, A. W. ELLERBE,  
JOHN SIMPSON.

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## List of Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

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### IN ATTENDANCE.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., BISHOP,.....Residing in Montgomery.  
Rev. J. M. BANISTER,.....St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.  
" WM. J. ELLIS,.....St. James' Church, Eufaula.  
" D. D. FLOWER,.....  
" F. R. HANSON,.....Trinity Church, Demopolis.  
" WM. JOHNSON,.....Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.  
" N. P. KNAPP,.....Christ Church, Mobile.  
" H. C. LAY,.....Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.  
" J. M. MITCHELL,.....St. John's Church in the Prairies, Greene County.  
" J. H. MORRISON,.....St. John's Church, Montgomery.  
" E. C. MURDAUGH,.....Union Parish, Uniontown.  
" W. A. STICKNEY,.....St. Michael's Church, Marion.  
" ROBT. B. SUTTON, (Deacon),.....Trinity Church, Auburn.

### NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

Rev. R. A. COBBS,.....St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.  
" THOMAS A. COOK,.....Missionary at Talladega.  
" GEO. F. CUSHMAN,.....Officiating at Pawtucket, Mass.  
" F. B. LEE,.....St. Paul's Church, Carlisle.  
" J. A. MASSEY,.....Trinity Church, Mobile.  
" M. F. MAURY,.....St. Paul's Church, Selma.  
" T. A. MORRIS, (Deacon),.....Missionary, near Huntsville.  
" J. M. ROBERTSON,.....Residing near Huntsville.  
" O. H. STAPLES,.....  
" J. H. TICKNOR,.....St. James' Church, Livingston.

## List of Lay Delegates.

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### *Christ Church, Mobile—*

WM. P. HAMMOND,  
JNO. F. ADAMS,  
\*WM. ALDERSON,  
T. H. LEWIS,  
EDWARD HALL.

### *Trinity Church, Demopolis—*

WM. C. ASHE,  
HENRY W. REESE,  
CHANCEY COON,  
GAIUS WHITFIELD.

### *St. James' Church, Livingston—*

\*L. H. ANDERSON,  
SAMUEL CHAPMAN,  
CHARLES R. GIBBS,  
GEO. B. SAUNDERS,  
HENRY R. THORNTON.

### *St. Michael's Church, Marion—*

\*JNO. D. PHELAN,  
JOSEPH SEAWELL.

### *St. Paul's Church, Selma—*

JNO. R. PURNELL,  
WM. ICKES,  
\*ROBT. N. PHILPOT,  
\*J. T. WADDIL, JR.

### *St. David's Church, Dallas County—*

\*A. W. ELLERBE,  
\*J. J. PEGUES.

### *Christ Church, Tuscaloosa—*

\*JOHN MARRAST,  
\*JAMES M. VAN HOOSE,  
\*H. A. SNOW,  
\*JNO. R. DRIEL.

### *St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—*

ISAAC CROOM,  
S. A. BARNUM,  
\*C. L. STICKNEY,  
R. B. WALLER,  
A. BENNERS.

### *St. John's in the Prairies—*

R. W. WITHERS,  
\*PAUL CARRINGTON,  
\*D. W. BRODNAX,  
JNO. L. CHARLES.

### *St. Andrew's Church, Macon—*

\*HENRY A. TAYLOR,  
M. W. GRACEY,  
A. L. JONES.

### *Union Parish, Uniontown—*

\*DAVID MINGE,  
\*M. M. FLETCHER,  
D. W. PITTS,  
ARTHUR PITTS,  
A. P. CALHOUN.

### *St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw—*

\*WM. F. PIERCE.

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CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA, }  
Thursday, May 13th, 1852. }

THIS being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Twenty-First Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, Divine Service commenced at 10½ o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. N. P. KNAPP, and the Communion Service by the Right Rev. Bishop of the Diocese. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. H. C. LAY, from 1st Thessalonians, 2d chapter, 7th verse, "*But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children.*"

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop to the Clergy and Laity, assisted in the distribution of the elements, by the Rev. N. P. KNAPP.

After the benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D. The Bishop then presented the list of Clergy *canonically* connected with the Diocese :

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D., residing in Montgomery.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

" R. A. COBBS, St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

" THOMAS A. COOK, Missionary at Talladega.

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" J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.

" M. F. MAURY, St. Paul's Church, Selma.

" J. W. MITCHELL, St. John's Church in the Prairies.

" T. A. MORRIS, Deacon, Missionary, near Huntsville.

" J. H. MORRISON, St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH, Union Parish, Uniontown.

" J. M. ROBERTSON, residing near Huntsville.

" O. H. STAPLES.

" W. A. STICKNEY, St. Michael's Church, Marion.

" ROBT. B. SUTTON, Trinity Church, Auburn.

" J. H. TICKNOR, St. James' Church, Livingston.

The names being called by the Secretary, the following Clergymen were found to be in attendance:

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBBS, D. D.,

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,

" W. J. ELLIS,

" J. H. MORRISON,

" WM. JOHNSON,

" E. C. MURDAUGH,

" N. P. KNAPP,

" R. B. SUTTON, Deacon.

" H. C. LAY,

" WM. A. STICKNEY.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were presented by Delegates from Christ Church, Mobile; St. John's Church in the Prairies; St. Andrew's Church, Macon; Trinity Church, Demopolis; St. Michael's Church, Marion; St. David's Church, Dallas County, and Union Parish, Uniontown.

Rev. Messrs. KNAPP, MURDAUGH and LAY were appointed a Committee to examine the Certificates of Election.

The Committee upon Certificates of Election having examined the same, reported them in due form, and the following gentlemen entitled to seats in the Convention:

*Christ Church, Mobile*—W. P. Hammond, Wm. Alderson, John F. Adams, T. H. Lewis and Edward Hall.

*St. John's Church, in the Prairies*—R. W. Withers, Paul Carrington, D. W. Brodnax and John L. Charles.

*St. Andrew's Church, Macon*—Henry A. Tayloe, M. W. Gracey and A. L. Jones.

*Trinity Church, Demopolis*—Wm. C. Ashe, Henry W. Reese, Chancey Coon and Gaius Whitfield.

*St. Michael's Church, Marion*—Jno. D. Phelan and Joseph Seawell.

*St. David's Church, Dallas County*—A. W. Ellerbe and J. J. Pegues.

*Union Parish, Uniontown*—D. Minge, M. M. Fletcher, D. W. Pitts, Arthur Pitts and A. P. Calhoun.

The names were called, and the following gentlemen were found to be in attendance:

Messrs. WM. ALDERSON,

Messrs. JNO. D. PHELAN,

" D. W. BRODNAX,

" A. W. ELLERBE,

" H. A. TAYLOE,

" J. J. PEGUES,

DAVID MINGE.

A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed, viz: JNO. D. PHELAN, A. W. ELLERBE and WM. ALDERSON, to which was referred the petition of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, for relief.

On motion, HENRY A. TAYLOR was nominated and re-elected Secretary, and J. H. FISHER, Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary then read a certified copy of a proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which was proposed and approved in both Houses of the last General Convention. On motion, it was referred to the following special committee, viz: Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, STICKNEY and ELLIS.

On motion, ALEX. W. ELLERBE was appointed to audit the accounts of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund,

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

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CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA, }  
Friday, May 14th, 1852—9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by the Rt. Rev. President, the following gentlemen appeared and presented their credentials—W. F. Pierce, from St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and C. L. Stickney, from St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', which were referred to the Committee on the same.

The Chairman of the committee on the petition of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, offered the following report, which was concurred in, and the accompanying resolution adopted,

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution touching the contribution of HON. E. WOLLEY PECK towards the Bishop's Fund, and the interest arising from the same, beg leave to report:

That although this contribution by Judge PECK was made before the Canon was passed, by which the interest arising upon contributions to the Bishop's Fund was allowed to go in part satisfaction of the assessment upon the Parish making the contribution, for the salary of the Bishop; still upon equitable principles this contribution should come under the rule which regulates those subsequently made. They therefore recommend to the Convention the adoption of the resolution.

J. D. PHELAN, Chairman.

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be instructed to allow to the Parish of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, the interest which accrued during the past year upon the sum of five hundred dollars contributed to the Bishop's Fund by HON. E. WOLLEY PECK, of Tuscaloosa, in part liquidation of the assessment of said Parish for the Bishop's salary, and that the said interest be hereafter allowed in the same way.

Credentials from the Vestry of Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, were then presented, which were referred to the proper committee and reported in form.

Entitled to seats thereby—Messrs. JOHN MARRATT, J. R. DRISH, J. M. VAN HOOSE and H. A. SNOW.

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J. M. VAN HOOSE appeared and took his seat.

Rev. J. H. MORRISON gave notice of a proposed amendment of Canons 1st and 13th.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, that matters relating to the Widows' and Orphans' Society be made the special order for 3½ o'clock P. M.

H. A. SNOW from Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, L. H. ANDERSON, from St. James' Church, Livingston, was admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The hour of divine service having arrived, the Convention then took a recess.

After service, the President called the Convention to order.

J. R. DRISH appeared and took his seat.

Parochial reports were then called for and read in the following order:

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.**

Baptisms—White, adults, 1, infants, 8,.....	Total, 9
Confirmations—White 2,.....	" 2
Marriages—White 1,.....	" 1
Deaths—White 4,.....	" 4
Communicants—White, added 3, died 1, removed 9,*.....	Present No. 59
Colored,.....	1
Sunday Schools—Teachers, 4, Scholars, white, 30,.....	Total, 34
Communion—Number of times administered,.....	14
Offerings—at Communion,.....	\$122.80
Divine Service—number of times celebrated, about.....	.200

Since the last Convention the Vestry have purchased a very neat and comfortable Rectory at a cost of two thousand dollars.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.—Rev. R. A. COBB, Rector.**

Baptisms—Infants, white, 6,.....	Total 6
Confirmations, white 1,.....	" 1
Marriages, white 1,.....	" 1
Deaths, white 6,.....	" 6
Communicants, added 1, died 4, removed 2,.....	Present No. 9
Communion administered once a month.	

The above report includes the ministrations of the late Rector, Rev. J. B. T. SMITH, from May, 1850, to January, 1852, the date of his removal.

The present Rector entered upon his duties here on the third Sunday in March last, since which time he has preached *twelve* times in Tusculmbia, *twice* in Florence and *twice* in Decatur. He has also baptized one infant, administered the Communion once in private and once in public, and officiated at one funeral.

This Congregation has for a long time been in a languishing state and within the last two or three years has suffered serious losses by deaths and removals. The few who at present compose it, are, however, quite zealous in the cause of the Church, and by means of great exertions have succeeded in obtaining a subscription, nearly, if not quite sufficient, to build a plain Church edifice and of a size suited to our present need. This has now been commenced and it is hoped will be ready for Consecration at the next visitation of the Bishop. And when it has been completed, we flatter ourselves, that the chief obstacles in the way of the Church's growth at this point, will then have been removed.

\* Returned to St. John's in the Prairies.

**REPORT OF REV. T. A. COOK, MISSIONARY AT TALLADEGA.**

Baptisms—Infants,.....	2
Confirmations,.....	2
Communicants,.....	12
Marriages,.....	1
Burials,.....	1
Average Congregation,.....	50

The incumbent of this station has, like most other Missionaries, been compelled to contend against great difficulties. After struggling on for two years, he began to see some of the fruits of his labors. His heart was made glad with a united and cheerful congregation, and just as he congratulated himself on the promising state of his Church; reverses came. By removal, his fold will be diminished one half. Some of the most zealous members have left, and others will leave in a few weeks. Thus will our happy places be laid waste, and the enemies of our church have another season of rejoicing. We are satisfied, however, to leave all things in the hands of God. Confiding in his wisdom and goodness, we are determined to struggle on, until he bring light out of darkness, or transfer the keeping of his truth to more worthy hands. Owing to the scarcity of money, our Church building has been postponed for the present at least. This however, is an important station for the Church, and we are not willing to give it up without a struggle. Those who go out from among us may do good in other places, therefore we are resigned.

PAWTUCKET, MASS., April 27, 1851.

*Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:*—In compliance with the Canon I send you the following report of services since the last Convention.

ST. JOHN'S IN THE WILDERNESS.—Baptisms—Infants, colored,.....	10
TRINITY CHURCH, AUBURN.—Confirmations,.....	3
Services in the Diocese,.....	16

In the month of June owing to repeated attacks of fever, I was obliged to resign my Parishes and seek to recruit my health in a more invigorating climate. During the past ten months I have had charge of Trinity Church, Pawtucket, Mass., and have performed the duties of my position without interruption. For the particulars of my official acts in this Diocese, I would refer you to the Journal of the Massachusetts Convention. I have your consent to my absence from Alabama.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN.

Rt. Rev. N. H. COBB, D. D.

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.—Rev. W. J. ELLIS, Rector.**

Baptisms—Infants 2, adults 1,.....	Total 3
Confirmations,.....	1
Burials 1, of those not of the congregation 5,.....	Total 6
Communicants—Added 6, removed 3,.....	present number, 19
Communion administered monthly,.....	105
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	105

A new Church has been built and consecrated, and furnished with a Bell, a Surplice, and a Service for the Communion. The Sunday School Library contains 200 volumes. The Sunday School has 5 teachers and 30 scholars.

**TRINITY CHUCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.**

The Rector of Trinity Church, Demopolis respectfully reports—That the condition of this Parish is highly encouraging. A handsome Church edifice is now being erected, which it is hoped will be ready for consecration in a short time.

Baptisms—Infants, white 7, colored, 6,.....	Total, 13
Confirmations—White,.....	2
Marriages—White,.....	1
Deaths—White, infant 1, adults 1,.....	Total 2
Communicants—White, added 2, removed 2,.....	present number, 12

Divine service has been regularly performed on the first and third Sundays of each month, with the exception of a short time during the winter, when the Rector was absent on a visit to Maryland. The Holy Communion has been administered four times.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.**

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo County, would respectfully report—That he commenced officiating in this Parish in May last. Since that time divine service has been regularly performed on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, with the exception of a part of the winter, when absent on a visit to his friends in Maryland. The condition of the Parish seems to be improving. A site for a Church and Grave Yard has been obtained, and it is hoped that a neat and substantial Church edifice will be erected in the course of the present year.

Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 2,.....	Total 4
Colored, infants,.....	10
Confirmations—White,.....	3
Deaths—White, infants,.....	1
Communicants—White, added 3, removed 4,.....	Present No. 11
The Holy Communion has been administered three times.	

**CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. WM. JOHNSON, Rector.**

Baptisms—White, adults 3, infants 8,.....	Total 11
Colored, adults 3, infants 3,.....	" 6
Confirmations—White 9, colored 4,.....	" 13
Deaths,.....	6
Communicants—White, added 6, died 1, removed 3,.....	present number, 43
Colored, added 2,.....	" 9
Sunday Schools—Teachers 6, Scholars, white, 50, (including a bible class of 20,) colored, variable,.....	Total, about 60
Sunday School Library—Number of Books,.....	180
Communion—Number of times administered,.....	13
Offerings at Communion,.....	\$676 40
Collections for the African Missions, (in the church,).....	\$18
By private contributions,.....	\$20
Christmas offerings,.....	\$20 25
Divine Service—Sundays, number of times celebrated,.....	100
In the week, daily except on Saturdays.....	

The Wednesday and Friday services are held in the school room during the winter and in inclement weather. On the other days of the week the services are regularly read in the school room; the school being the principal part of the congregation in the week.

The above report embraces my official acts at St. Philip's chapel. This building is appropriated exclusively to the colored congregation. The Rector of Christ Church officiates there occasionally, but the congregation is mainly depending on lay services and a Sunday school. Several of the colored congregation being able to read, the evening service is regularly performed, the chants are sung with the accompaniment of a melodian, and altogether this part of the Rector's charge is becoming more and more interesting.

Of the offerings at Communion it is proper to remark that they are the weekly collections on Sunday morning, to supersede pew rent or any stipulated salary for the Rector. This system has been in operation in this Parish for two years; so that some judgment may be formed of it. And as I have been requested to state in my report how it has been found to work, I will do so as satisfactorily as the occasion will allow.

The advantages of the system are so obvious that they need not be pointed out; such, for instance as the convenience of weekly supplies instead of irregular payments after a year's ministerial service, and the consequent want of confidence that arises out of such irregularity.

The difficulties and disadvantages attending the system may readily be anticipated. We have experienced no unexpected ones. And I would remark that such as have arisen are less considerable than I had apprehended they would be. The question naturally occurs, whether a minister is not occasionally deprived of these weekly contributions, when from sickness or any other cause, there has been no service on Sunday morning; to some extent this is true. But, as a general thing, it seems to be remembered that it costs the minister and his family as much to live in foul weather as in fair, and quite as much when sick as when well. And the effect upon those who consider this, is, to double their offerings on the following Sunday. Whereas, they, who are less considerate, are such generally as would be delinquent in paying pew rent, or their annual subscription.



Another difficulty in this system is its interfering with special collections. This is obviated in this Parish by ascertaining what the average collection on Sundays ordinarily is; and taking the excess over this on special occasions, for the special object. These are the two principal difficulties. And the advantages are so obvious that they need no remark.

In addition to the collections above reported, that part of the Diocesan Female School that is in the family of the Principal, contributed \$20 to the African Mission, during the visit of the Bishop of Africa.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. N. P. KNAPP, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 5, infants 60.....	Total, 65
Colored, infants.....	4
Confirmations—White.....	17
Marriages—White 7, Colored 1.....	Total, 8
Deaths—white.....	47
Communicants—White, added 35, died 3, removed 3.....	present number, 209
Colored.....	present number, 3
Sunday Schools—Teachers 17, Scholars, white 100.....	Total 117
Library—Number of Books.....	200
Communion—Number of times administered.....	14
Offerings at Communion.....	\$252
Collections—For Missions, 583 10, Bishop's Fund, 26 50.....	Total, \$609 60
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated.....	180

#### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.—Rev. H. C. LAY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 4, infants 2.....	Total, 6
Colored, adult 1.....	1
Confirmations—White 6, (4 of which were at Decatur).....	6
Marriages—White 4.....	4
Deaths—White.....	4
Communicants—White, added 7.....	Total, 49
Offerings at communion.....	\$53 05
Collections—For Domestic Missions.....	\$10 00
For Missionary and Church purposes in North Alabama.....	\$366 00
Widows' and Orphans' Society.....	\$65 10
Communion administered monthly. Divine Service celebrated 150 times.	

During the past year the Rev. Mr. ROBERTSON has continued his assistance in this Parish, and has also filled a monthly appointment in Jackson county.

The Rev. T. A. MORRIS has also officiated as Missionary in connection with this Parish. His official acts are included in the above report. He has celebrated Divine service and preached sixty-three times at several points in the counties of Madison, Limestone and Jackson, and in the town of Decatur.

At all the points thus far occupied, ground of encouragement has been found. Much seed has been scattered in the way of Prayer Books, Tracts, and approved religious publications. We venture humbly to express the opinion, that the Church in our region is likely, under God's blessing, to advance steadily, and in a little while to exert no small influence for good.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 4, infants 33.....	Total 37
Confirmations—White.....	14
Marriages—White 9, colored 1.....	Total 10
Deaths—White 17, colored 3.....	20
Communicants—White, added 20, died 3, removed 7, suspended 4.....	Present No. 141
Sunday Schools—Teachers 10, Scholars, white 80.....	Total 90
Library—Number of Books.....	205
Communion—Number of times administered.....	11
Offerings at Communion.....	\$116 50
Collections—For Missions.....	\$69 43
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated.....	83

This report embraces the official acts of a little more than seven months of the past year, the Rector having been absent from his Parish nearly five months in search of health.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN THE PRAIRIES.

Rev. JOHN M. MITCHELL, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....	6
Deaths—White 1, colored 4,.....	Total 5
Communicants—White, added 2, died 1,.....	present number, 8
Sunday Schools—Teachers 4, Scholars, white 20, colored 25,.....	Total 49
Library—Number of Books, about.....	40
Communion—Administered monthly,.....	
Offerings—At Communion,.....	\$15 45
Collections,.....	\$23 40
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	49

The Rector has also held Service once a month, with a few exceptions, at a Seminary of about seventy young men, under the tuition of Messrs. Tutwiler & Smith, and located at Greene Springs, where he has been most kindly received, and has always found a large and remarkably respectful and attentive congregation. It would be difficult to over-estimate the importance of the services of the Church to so large a number of young men pursuing a more or less extended course of education, and destined, no doubt to occupy, at no distant day, many of the most prominent posts of influence in the State, and it is earnestly hoped that some provision may be made for their continuance. The Rector also hereby acknowledges the receipt from the Teachers and Pupils of said Seminary, of a generous and altogether unexpected donation in money.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Rev. J. H. MORRISON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants, 5,.....	Total, 7
Confirmations—White,.....	7
Marriages—White,.....	4
Deaths—White,.....	5
Communicants—White, added 17, died 2, removed 3; Colored, 5,.....	Total, 94
Sunday Schools—Teachers 9, Scholars, white, 55,.....	Total, 64
Offerings—At Communion,.....	\$143 96
Collections—For Diocesan Missions, (in addition to an appropriation from Communion offerings,) \$63 50; Society for the relief of Widows' and Orphans' of deceased Clergymen, \$24 52; African Missions, 28 45; Domestic Missions, \$50,.....	Total \$166 47

Communion—Number of times administered—Nine times at Montgomery and twice at Mount Meigs.

Divine Service—number of times celebrated—Twice on Sundays, (except the first Sunday of each month, the afternoon of which is devoted to catechising,) once on each Holy Day, and a part of the time on the Litany days. There are also two services held every month at Mount Meigs, besides occasional services at other points.

The regular services stated above were interrupted for some time by an absence of the Rector from his Parish last summer, and by sickness afterwards. By the blessing of God his Parish is steadily advancing in numbers, and he trusts, in holiness. A new Organ has recently been obtained. A liberal spirit is manifested in every good work, and the Rector feels grateful for the kind and generous disposition manifested towards himself and family. The chief difficulty that the Parish is at present laboring under is a want of Church accommodation; there being many applicants for pews who cannot get them. The Vestry have recently had under consideration the building of a new Church, and have appointed a Committee to procure subscriptions for that object. Should this effort succeed, as it is trusted it will, there is every promise of a large increase of the congregation.

## UNION PARISH.—Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants 5; colored, adults 1, infants 2,.....	Total, 8
Confirmations—White,.....	1
Marriages—White 3, colored 4,.....	Total 7
Deaths—White 2, colored 4,.....	6
Communicants—White, added 7, died 1, removed 1, present number 37; Colored, added 2, present number 15; total white and colored,.....	52
Communion—Number of times administered, about.....	12
Collections—For Parish and other purposes,.....	\$2,778 00
Divine Service celebrated on an average about twice a week.	

In addition to the above, the Rector reports the completion of a neat and comfortable Rectory, which was partially furnished by the Parishoners; the whole has been paid for. A Church edifice is in progress of erection in the western end of the Parish, which will, probably, be ready for consecration in a few months. Still another evidence of the increasing prosperity of the Parish is that the congregation at Union Town is rapidly increasing in size.

During the last year a heavy and irreparable loss has fallen on us in the death of Capt. THOS. D. PITTS, late Senior Warden of the Vestry. Warm in his attachment to the Church, and devoted in his piety, his influence told with power on the community around him. But while we cannot cease to regret the loss of his energy and zeal, we have reason to bless God, that his peaceful and happy departure gave convincing proof that the faith he had learned could stand the test of death.

In conclusion, the Rector reports that for more than a year, he has derived his support from the weekly offertory. And here he desires to express his conviction that the plan works---far better both for Clergy and Laity, than any other. In this Parish the plan was adopted under most unfavorable circumstances, and the following have been the results. 1st.--An increase in the size of the congregation. 2nd.--Increased liberality among the Parishoners. 3rd.--The children are taught that it is their duty to give, and are trained up to the habit. 4th.--The Clergyman has received an increased annual income. 5th.--He has been able to keep himself out of debt.

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**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARION.--Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.**

Baptisms---White, adults 1, infants 1,.....Total 2  
Colored, infants,.....3  
Confirmations---White 1,.....1  
Deaths---White,.....1  
Communicants---White, added 1, died 1, removed 2,.....Present No. 22  
Colored,.....Present No. 1  
Communion---Number of times administered,.....23  
Offerings---At Communion,.....\$35 75  
Collections---On Christmas day for Bishop's Fund, \$6 35; Jubilee celebration, for Domestic Missions, Alabama, 3 60; other purposes, \$10 25  
Divine Service---Number of times celebrated,.....204

Besides the offerings and collections above specified, the Rectory has been paid for, costing upwards of \$1,000. There is no regular Sunday School---its place being supplied by the Parish School, where christian instruction is made prominent in all other. A distinct time is also given to such instruction on one day in every week. To this institution the Rector devotes himself mostly, with the full conviction that the careful training of the young is a more effectual means of promoting Christ's kingdom among men than any other.

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**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS, RUSSELL COUNTY.**

**Rev. ROBT. B. SUTTON, Deacon.**

Marriages---Colored,.....1  
Communicants---White,.....present number 3  
Colored,.....present number 1  
Collections,.....\$25 00  
Divine Service---Number of times celebrated,.....21

I took charge of this Parish last December and have officiated in it two Sundays in each month. In the services above reported, are comprised those celebrated in St. Cyprian's Chapel, and on one occasion at Glenville. The condition of the Parish is about the same as that reported last year.

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**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON.**

Since the last Convention, Divine Service has been performed in this Parish once by the Right Reverend Bishop, and twice by the Rev. HENRY C. LAY. No other official acts have been performed.

The number of Communicants is eight. The services of a Minister are greatly desired at this point, but so far it has seemed impracticable to secure them.

**NATHANIEL HAWKINS, Senior Warden.**

**TRINITY CHURCH, AUBURN.—Rev. ROBT. B. SUTTON, Deacon, Officiating.**

Baptisms—White, infants,.....	2
Communicants—White,.....	present number N
Collections,.....	\$176 73
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	25

I took charge of this Church in December last, but for want of a place to hold service did not officiate until the first Sunday in March. Since then we have been using the Presbyterian Church which they have been kind enough to loan us. We confidently expect to be able to use our own Church immediately after the Convention. We are embarrassed by a debt and for want of funds to make the Church look respectable. As it is, we are thankful that we are at last permitted to use our own Church with the bare necessities for divine service. The number of Communicants are reported from the report to the last Convention as I have been able to discover no record left by my predecessor. In the services above reported are included those which I have celebrated out of my charge.

**THE CHURCH IN CRAWFORD, RUSSELL CO.—Rev. R. B. SUTTON, Deacon.**

Baptisms—White, adults, 2, infants, 5,.....	Total 7
Colored, adults,.....	1
Communicants—White,.....	Present No. 6
Sunday Schools—Teachers 6, Scholars, white, 40,.....	Total, 40
Library—Number of Books,.....	100
Communion—Number of times administered,.....	1
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	11

Operations were commenced at this place last January with the most encouraging prospects. The whole population have a kind feeling towards the Church and its services. It is now that we see the result of the labors of Rev. W. SCULL who formerly labored in this field. Until recently the Sunday School has been entirely sustained by the untiring exertions of two ladies. Now there is a greater interest manifested. Divine service is celebrated at this point during the week.

We are indebted to the kindness of Rev. Thos. F. Scott of Columbus, Ga., for celebrating the Holy Communion.

There is a Sunday School at Girard, Russell county, numbering about 10 teachers and 50 scholars, which is carried on by some zealous persons belonging to Trinity Parish, Columbus, Ga.

**ST. JAMES' PARISH, SUMTER COUNTY.—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.**

Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 12; colored, infants 6,.....	Total, 20
Communicants—White, died 1, removed 4, added 12; colored, died 1,.....	Present No. 33
Confirmations—White,.....	3
Marriages—White,.....	2
Deaths—White 2, colored 1,.....	Total, 3
Divine Service—Number of times celebrated,.....	109
Communion—Number of times administered,.....	15
Communion Collections—For Diocesan Missions, \$20 00; for Domestic Mis-	
sions 5 00; all other purposes, \$53 76,.....	Total \$78 76

During the year services have been rendered as circumstances permitted, at Livingston, Sumterville and Gainesville, in Sumter county, and at Pushmataha, in Choctaw county. At the two points last mentioned efforts, which, no doubt will be successful, are now making towards the erection of Churches. And in all parts of his Parish the Rector is sensible that the opportunities of usefulness afforded him, will bring with them an unusual weight of responsibility and call for redoubled exertions.

The following Committees were then appointed by the President:

*Committee on the State of the Church.*—Rev. Messrs. N. P. KNAPP, F. R. HANSON, J. H. MORRISON, J. M. BANISTER, H. C. LAY, E. C. MURDAUGH, W. J. ELLIS.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.*—Rev. Messrs. W. A. STICKNEY, MITCHELL and SUTTON.

*Finance Committee.*—Messrs. ELLERBE, PIERCE, TAYLOR, PHELAN, C. L. STICKNEY, ALDERSON, MINGE, VAN HOOSE, DRISH, SNOW, ANDERSON, BRODNAX and FLETCHER.

Convention then adjourned to 3½ o'clock P. M.

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CHRIST CHURCH—3 o'clock, 40 minutes, P. M.

The President called the Convention to order.

On motion, the Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the relief of Disabled Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, was referred to the Standing Committee of that Society. On motion, the Constitution of said Society was read. The Secretary then presented an application for the relief of the family of the Rev. S. S. LEWIS, deceased, which was referred to a special Committee of three, viz: Rev. Messrs. HANSON, KNAPP, and LAY.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. LEE and KNAPP, of the Clergy, and Messrs. ALISON, A. W. ELLERBE and DAVID MINGE were nominated and elected the Standing Committee of said Society.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave respectfully to report as follows: They find on page nine of the last Journal, an amendment offered to the 2d Article of the Constitution, to make said Article read, after the word "Convention," as follows: "And in case there should be an epidemic disease in the place appointed for holding said Convention, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed for holding it, the Bishop shall have the power to appoint another convenient place for holding the same."

Again, on page twenty-three, the following amendment to the 3d Article of the Constitution is offered, that after the word Convention, the following words be introduced: "Provided, That no minister shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding."

W. A. STICKNEY,  
JNO. M. MITCHELL,  
ROBT. B. SUTTON.

On motion, the report was concurred in, and the proposed amendments to the Constitution were unanimously adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee by ballot. Rev. E. C. MURDAUGH and L. H. ANDERSON were appointed tellers.

The votes being taken and counted, the Rev. Messrs. KNAPP, MORRISON and MASSEY, of the Clergy, and Messrs. ALISON, HAMMOND and LESSESNE, having a majority of both orders, were declared to be duly elected.

The following gentlemen were nominated and elected members of the Missionary Committee: Rev. Messrs. MORRISON, LEE and

ELLIS, of the Clergy, and Messrs. CONLEY and A. R. BELL, of the Laity.

The Committee on the application for the relief of the family of the Rev. S. S. LEWIS, deceased, made the following report :

The Committee to whom was submitted a communication asking aid from the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, in behalf of the family of the late Dr. LEWIS, beg leave to report, that while they would gladly promote any proper plan to relieve the family of Dr. LEWIS, yet they feel themselves constrained to advise against the request thus made, because the only prospect we have that the Fund will ever be sufficient to be of permanent use, is in its increase by annual subscriptions and by compounding interest. To use its funds now, would be effectually to stop its growth. They request, therefore, to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion, the report was concurred in.

• Convention then adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

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CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA, }  
Saturday, May 15th, 1852. }

At 9 o'clock A. M., the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, and after prayer by the same, credentials from the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Selma, were presented and referred to the proper Committee, and reported in form : entitling to seats, JOHN R. PURNELL, WM. ICKES, ROBT. N. PHILPOT, J. T. WADDILL, the last two of whom appeared and took their seats.

On motion, the report of the Missionary Committee, presented by the Rt. Rev. President, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The undersigned, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, would report that the following Clergymen have been in the employment of the Society during the past year, viz: Rev. THOMAS MORRIS has been officiating in Decatur, in Limestone, Madison and Jackson counties. The Rev. J. M. MITCHELL in St. John's in the Prairies and at the Greene Springs. The Rev. EDWIN W. MURRAY in Eutaw and the Fork of Greene till last December, when he resigned his station. The Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN a short time at Auburn during the first part of summer, and the Rev. R. B. SUTTON in Auburn and at Crawford from time of his ordination. The state of the funds belonging to the Society may be seen from the report of the Treasurer, herewith presented.

N. H. COBBS,

Bishop Protestant Episcopal Church in Alabama.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund offered the following report :

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to submit the following statement, showing the condition and amount of the fund of which they were appointed Trustees. By the report made to the last Convention by H. A. TAYLOR, it will appear that the *permanent* fund, which has been accumulating for several years, arising from a contribution of five hundred dollars,

and the sale of real estate amounting to \$—, and some small sums collected at Christmas offerings—

Amounted to the sum of.....\$1,478 39  
Since then increased by interest and offerings..... 288 57

Amount May 1, 1852.....\$1,766 96

Which has been loaned at 8 per cent. to the following persons:

John Collins and H. Tayloe, note.....\$351 80  
W. Cocke and H. A. Tayloe, note..... 310 00  
W. Cocke, note..... 108 00  
M. D. J. Slade and others, notes..... 997 66—\$1,766 96

This fund, which has been regularly accumulating since its origin, has, by a resolution of the present Convention, been reduced by the application of the interest for the last twelve months on \$500 to the credit of the assessment on the Tuscaloosa Parish, and if continued to be annually so applied, it will be in effect a transfer of the sum of \$500 to another portion of the fund, the interest of which is annually used in the payment of the Bishop's salary. The Trustees see no good reason why these funds should be kept separate and distinct.

At the Convention of 1849, HENRY A. TAYLOR was appointed an Agent to solicit contributions to a fund to be raised and kept as a Bishop's Fund for the Diocese, the annual interest of which was to be appropriated to the payment of the Bishop's salary. In pursuance of this appointment, he visited the different Parishes and obtained notes payable to the Trustees—

Amounting to the sum of.....\$7,837 50

From Christ Church, Mobile, notes amounting to, (principal,) \$825 00  
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa..... 225 00  
St. John's, Montgomery..... 875 00  
St. Paul's, Greensboro'..... 770 00  
Union Parish, Greene and Marengo..... 725 00  
St. Andrew's..... 162 50  
St. Paul's, Selma..... 490 00  
St. John's in the Prairies..... 50 00  
St. James, Livingston..... 300 00  
St. John's, Tuscumbia..... 50 00  
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville..... 530 00  
St. Peter's, Lowndes county..... 375 00  
St. Paul's, Carlowville..... 155 00  
Trinity Church, Florence..... 45 00  
St. Luke's, Cahaba..... 250 00  
St. David's, Dallas..... 925 00  
St. Stephen's, Eutaw..... 270 00  
St. Mark's, Greene county..... 250 00  
Trinity Church, Mobile..... 525 00  
St. John's, Elyton..... 100 00  
Trinity, Dallas..... 25 00  
Christ Church, Hayneville..... 25 00

\$7,837 50—\$7,837 50

These notes are made payable with interest from date at specified times, with the understanding generally that the maker would not be called on for the principal, so long as the annual interest was regularly paid. They are believed to be as good, as the same number and amount can be, taken under like circumstances. If it were proper to collect them so long as the interest is regularly paid, we doubt very much whether the amount could be invested on any security to make it more safe and reliable than it is as present. The much larger portion of the notes are believed to be on the most responsible men in the State, and the remainder only require to be looked after to render them available. A statement showing the names and amount of each note is herewith appended for the use and inspection of the Convention, the

Trustees deeming it best not to publish the same. The notes themselves are ready to be handed over to any Trustees who may be appointed by the Convention.

In addition to these notes, the Agent has collected in money for the same purposes the sum of.....\$2,992 25  
Of which he has loaned out at 8 per ct. interest, to be paid annually:

To E. F. Montague and J. D. Browden, note for.....	\$100 00
I. Croom.....	500 00
W. Cocke.....	325 00
J. D. Browden.....	30 00
A. H. Conner and E. A. Conner.....	500 00
John Collins and H. A. Tayloe.....	716 75
E. F. Montague and J. D. Browden.....	200 00
Cash in hands of Agent.....	620 00—\$2,992 25

The interest of these notes has been paid up to the first of May, 1851, and applied to the payment of the assessments on the different Parishes from which the money was obtained, as will appear by the Treasurer's reports heretofore made.

It thus appears that this portion of the Bishop's Fund, the interest on which is annually appropriated to the Bishop's Salary, amounts to the sum of ten thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine 75-100 dollars. It may be proper here to remark that the several individuals who have contributed to this fund have been put down under the Parish in which they are supposed to reside, and the interest has been credited by the Treasurer to that Parish, and if any error has been committed, the Trustees believe that it should be corrected on the application of the contributor.

By a report appearing on the Journal of the proceedings of the last Convention, made by H. A. TAYLOR in the absence of the other Trustees, the amount of the Special Bishop's Fund is reported to have been \$11,264 75, when this report shows that at this time it is \$10,829 75. This discrepancy is owing to the fact that the agent at the last Convention in estimating the amount, took into account many items of annual subscriptions of money promised, of which he had memorandums but for which no notes had been obtained, but on which interest has been paid, and while the Trustees believe that many of these verbal promises will be as strictly complied with as if the notes of the parties were held, yet they do not think they should be brought into the account until the money is actually paid or notes obtained.

In consideration of the magnitude and importance of this fund, and the disposition manifested throughout the Diocese to contribute to its enlargement, the Trustees would recommend that gentlemen be appointed Trustees who shall represent the different sections of the Diocese, whose duty it shall be to look after and secure the several notes due the fund. All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY A. TAYLOR,  
WM. F. PIERCE.

The undersigned begs leave further to state that it is owing to the zeal and industry of Mr. H. A. TAYLOR that the contributions to the Bishop's Fund have been obtained, and the notes and monies have been controlled by him, the other Trustees being heretofore merely nominally so. Mr. TAYLOR, as agent, has visited every part of the State and the amount obtained is the result of his labors, unassisted, except in a very slight degree, by the other Trustees, for which he deserves the thanks of the Convention.

May, 1852.

WM. F. PIERCE.

Under a resolution of the Convention, I have been instructed to examine the accounts of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, I hereby report them to be correct and entirely satisfactory.

A. W. ELLERBE.

On motion, referred to the Finance Committee.



On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service,—when the Bishop read his Address.

### BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In compliance with the canonical provisions of the Church, I herewith submit to the Convention a report of my official acts as Bishop of the Diocese.

In May last I attended the Annual Convention of the Diocese which was held in the city of Montgomery. During its session I admitted the Rev. J. M. Mitchell to the order of Priests. The candidate was presented by the Rev. J. A. Maasey—and the sermon was preached by the Rev. N. P. Knapp. At the close of the Convention I preached once—baptized two adults and one infant, and confirmed four persons.

May 15th.—Visited Cahaba and preached once at night. This station has been vacant since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Ellis to Eufaula.

May 16.—Went to Selma—preached, and confirmed two persons.

May 17th.—Received an injury to my right shoulder by the overturning of the stage coach, and was consequently incapacitated for active duties for a short time.

Whitsunday.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa—and administered the communion, assisted by the Rector. In the afternoon of the same day, in St. Philip's, for the colored congregation.

Trinity Sunday.—Visited Eutaw and preached three times.

June 18th.—Preached in Bethesda Meeting House, in the Fork of Greene, and baptized one infant.

June 19th and 20th.—Visited Gainesville, preached twice and baptized two children. I trust that in a short time we shall have a Church erected here. Our friends there, though few in number, are zealous in spirit.

June 20th.—Preached at night at Sumterville.

June 21st and 22d.—Visited Livingston, preached four times and confirmed three persons. The prospects of the Church here are brightening under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Ticknor.

June 24th.—Preached at Burton's Hill, in the Fork of Greene.

Second Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

Third Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and confirmed one colored person.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Marion, preached twice, and confirmed one person.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity.—Visited St. John's in the Prairies, preached and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Woodville during the meeting of the Convocation—preached twice, and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector; also, baptized a colored adult and two children.

Ninth and tenth Sundays after Trinity.—Preached in Tuscaloosa.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Tuscaloosa, by special request, on the subject of Temperance, and the more readily because the subject of

Temperance has been too much given up by the Church to other Societies ; also, confirmed one person.

First Sunday in September.—Visited Elyton and preached. An opening is here presented for the Church if a minister could be found to enter in and labor.

September 13th and 14th.—Visited Huntsville, preached several times, administered the Communion, and confirmed two persons. The Rector, Mr. Lay, was absent on account of ill-health.

September 15th.—Preached in Limestone county, in a Chapel belonging to the Methodists.

September 16th.—Preached in Decatur twice, baptized one adult, and confirmed four persons. The Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Morris, has been very useful here and in the surrounding country.

September 17th.—Baptized an infant at Courtland.

September 20th and 21st.—Visited Florence and Tuscumbia, preached several times, baptized four children in Florence, and confirmed one person in Tuscumbia.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Tuskaloosa twice and confirmed two persons.

October 8d.—Visited Prairieville, preached and confirmed three persons.

October 4th and 5th.—Visited Demopolis, preached twice, baptized an infant, administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector, and confirmed two persons. Here we have a Church nearly ready for consecration.

October 11th.—Went to Jacksonville and preached. This station is still vacant.

October 15th.—Visited Augusta, Ga., and assisted in the consecration of Dr. Rutledge, Bishop elect of Florida.

October 17th.—Spent a night in Rome, Ga., and preached for the Rev. Mr. Gibson.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Went to Talladega, preached twice, baptized an adult, and confirmed two persons.

October 22d.—Visited Selma, preached at night and baptized an infant.

October 23d.—Went to Lowndesboro, preached and confirmed one person.

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed one person.

October 27th.—Visited Auburn, preached and confirmed three persons.

October 29th.—Passed near the Parish of St. John's in the Wilderness, but did not preach, as the members of the congregation were absent from their homes.

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Eufaula, preached four times, consecrated the new Church of St. James, baptized two infants, and confirmed one person.

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Greensboro' and preached twice.

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in Tuskaloosa twice and confirmed one person.

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.—Visited Greene Springs in Greene county, and preached to a most interesting congregation of youth, belonging to the flourishing and most excellent school established at that place by Mr. Tut-

wiler, who, though not a Churchman, has asked to have the services of the Church once a month. In view of the prospective influences that must emanate from that school, I regard this place as the most important Missionary station in the whole Diocese.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.—Preached in the morning in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and in the afternoon in the Chapel belonging to the colored congregation.

First Sunday in Advent.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and in the afternoon preached for the colored congregation.

Second Sunday in Advent.—Preached twice in a meeting house called Bethlehem, in Greene county, and confirmed one colored person.

December 8th.—Preached in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and confirmed one person.

December 10th.—Admitted Robert B. Sutton to the order of Deacons in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'. The candidate was presented by the Rev. J. M. Banister. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. J. M. Mitchell, and the Lessons by the Rev. E. W. Murray. The Sermon was preached by myself.

Third Sunday in Advent.—Preached in St. Philip's Chapel, Tuscaloosa, for the colored congregation and confirmed one person.

December 18th.—United in holy matrimony the Rev. J. M. Mitchell and my daughter, Susan Elizabeth, in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

Fourth Sunday in Advent.—Read Prayers in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, in the morning, when Bishop Payne, the Missionary Bishop of Africa, preached, and in the afternoon read Prayers in St. Philip's Chapel, when Bishop Payne again preached.

Christmas Day.—Read Prayers and preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and also administered the Communion. At the the same time, took up a collection for the Christmas Fund, according to resolution of the Convention.

First Sunday after Christmas.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, and administered the Communion; and in the afternoon preached in St. Philip's Chapel.

Second Sunday after Christmas.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, in the morning, and in the afternoon preached in St. Philip's Chapel and baptized a colored adult.

First Sunday after Epiphany.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, in the morning, and in the afternoon preached in St. Philip's Chapel and confirmed one colored person.

Second Sunday after Epiphany.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, in the morning and afternoon.

Third Sunday after Epiphany.—Preached in Selma in the morning and afternoon.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.—Visited Greensboro', preached several times and confirmed two persons.

Septuagesima Sunday.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

Sexuagesima Sunday.—Preached in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, in the morning, and confirmed four persons, and in the afternoon lectured in St. Philip's Chapel and baptized a colored infant.

Ash Wednesday.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

First Sunday in Lent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, in the morning and evening.

Second Sunday in Lent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rector.

Third Sunday in Lent.—Visited Wetumpka and preached. It is my purpose to establish a regular appointment in this town, and at several other places in the neighborhood of Montgomery, with the hope of establishing a number of permanent Parishes.

Fourth Sunday in Lent.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Fifth Sunday in Lent.—Visited Wetumpka and preached.

Sunday before Easter.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery; also, on the preceding Saturday preached at Robinson's Spring's in Autauga county.

Passion Week.—Attended service during all of this week in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and on Good Friday preached.

Easter Sunday.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Communion.

First Sunday after Easter.—Visited Mobile, preached twice in Christ Church, and confirmed thirteen. Also, in the afternoon of the same day, lectured on the Prayer Book in Trinity Church.

Second Sunday after Easter.—Preached in Trinity Church twice, and confirmed fourteen. Also, in the evening of the same day lectured on the Prayer Book in Christ Church and confirmed four persons. I was concerned to find the two excellent clergymen of this city burdened with duties that would give full employment to at least four ministers.

April 29th.—Visited St. David's Parish, Dallas county, and preached. I regret that this small but most interesting Parish is now vacant.

Third Sunday after Easter.—Visited Carlowville, preached, and confirmed one person.

May 3d.—Visited St. Peter's, Lowndes county, and preached.

Fourth Sunday after Easter.—Preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed one person.

Such is a rapid sketch of my labors during the past year. And I would here state, with an humble sense of the goodness of God towards me, that during this period of time my health has been more than ordinarily good, and that I have been enabled to perform more labor than during any year that I have spent in Alabama.

I have received the following notices from the Bishops of the Church. From Bishop Kemper, notice of the degradation of *Zachariah H. Goldsmith* from the ministry. From Bishop Brownell, notice of the displacement from the ministry of *Ed. J. Ives*. From Bishop Eastburn, notice of his having deposed from the ministry *Silas Blaisdale*, according to Canon 5th, 1850. From Bishop McIlvaine, notice of his having displaced from the ministry *B. P. Aydelott*, *D. D.*, and *Alfred Helfenstein*, under Canon 5th, 1850. Received from Bishop Gadsden, notice of his having displaced from the ministry *Laverence Clement Johnson*, under Canon 5th, 1850. Received from Bishop McIlvaine, notice of his having displaced *Henry L. Richards*. Received from the Ecclesiastical

Authority of New York, notice of the deposition from the ministry of *William Ernst* and *Edgar P. Wadham*. Received from Bishop Smith, notice of his having displaced *F. H. L. Laird*, under Canon 5th, 1850.

Amongst the changes which have occurred among the clergy, I have the painful task of announcing the death of the Rev. J. S. MARBURY, one of the most talented, devoted, exemplary and efficient clergymen of the Diocese. Having known him long and intimately, I can truly say, that I have met with very few men of his age who were his equals. In his death the Diocese has sustained the loss of a faithful minister, and your Bishop has been deprived of one of his warmest, strongest and most confidential friends. It is gratifying to know that his death was marked by the calmness and peace and hopeful resignation, which might have been expected from the manner of his life. The interests of the Church in Alabama were very dear to his heart, and were not forgotten in his last moments. In his will he bequeathed his Theological books to the Bishop, to be held in trust by him as a Diocesan Library, for the benefit of the Diocese, with the hope and expectation that by various contributions, from time to time, a large and extensive collection of books would be made, that would be of inestimable value, especially to the younger clergy of the Diocese. The number of books in the Library thus bequeathed is three hundred and fifty-three, of which the greater part are standard works of Anglican Theology. We trust the time is not far distant when this Library, through the liberality of Churchmen, will contain many thousand volumes. Here is a mode of doing permanent and extensive good which may justly commend itself to the favorable regard of the pious and the liberal. The books will be carefully preserved, and in each volume there will be a printed card specifying the name of the donor.

In addition to this very valuable legacy of the Rev. Mr. Marbury, I would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of more than forty volumes of choice theological works, generously given, to the same object, by the "Bishop White Parish Library Association of Philadelphia." The Diocese of Alabama is under great obligations to the generous ladies of Philadelphia, not only for this act of kindness, here recorded, but for many other evidences of Christian interest and sympathy.

And here the occasion will justify the remark, that the duty of charitable bequests is not sufficiently regarded by people in the final disposition of their worldly goods. It would be well if this duty were more frequently presented and urged by the clergy, according to the directions of the Church in one of Rubrics of the "Visitation of the Sick." When men are leaving this world and are bestowing gifts and favors on those they love, how very proper and natural, that they should show their regard and affection for the Church, who has nursed and blessed them like a tender mother, by contributing something to those Institutions which she has sanctioned for the diffusion of the Gospel. Especially in those cases in which men having been devoted to the world all their days, are awakened and brought to repentance in the prospect of death, should this duty be urged as one of the best opportunities that can be given them of testing the sincerity of their Christian purposes, and of bring-

ing forth fruits meet for repentance—a repentance which under such circumstances must at best be regarded as very doubtful. It is an awful thing to encourage men in the belief that, after having served the god of this world all the days of their lives, they are to be fitted for Heaven, by a little penitential sorrow, in their last moments; when even in the struggles of death they cling with an unyielding grasp to the idolized dollar, which, perhaps, has been wrung from others by harsh and unjust means, or which, if honestly acquired, has been penuriously and sinfully withheld from the service of the Lord and his Church.

The other changes which have taken place among the clergy have been as follows: The Rev. J. T. B. Smith has been transferred to the Diocese of Mississippi; the Rev. E. W. Murray, to the Diocese of Maine; and the Rev. A. S. Smith, to the Diocese of Virginia. The Rev. F. R. Hanson has been received into the Diocese from Maryland; the Rev. M. F. Maury from Kentucky, and the Rev. D. D. Flower from Texas. The Rev. R. B. Sutton has been ordained Deacon, and is laboring in Oswitchee and Auburn; the Rev. R. A. Cobbs has removed to Tusculumbia, and the Rev. George F. Cushman is officiating, for the present, in Pawtucket, R. I.

I am very happy to say to the Convention, that the Diocesan Female School, under the charge of the Rev. Wm. Johnson, is steadily increasing in strength and influence, and furnishes good hope of being of great benefit to the Diocese. It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when those parents, who spend thousands and tens of thousands of dollars in sending their children to distant schools of very doubtful claims, will find that they will regard both their duty and their interest in patronising a school, taught by a minister of the Church, of experience and acknowledged abilities, and in which the children, being strictly instructed in the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Church, will be fortified against the dangers of heresy and schism.

By a Resolution of the last Convention the Bishop was requested "to set forth a form of service proper to be used in officiating to the colored people, and such catechism or other system of instruction as he deems advisable." To a request coming from such a source, and on such a subject, I would pay the most respectful consideration; for I can truly say, that it is my heart's desire and prayer to God to see the Church performing her full measure of duty in carrying the Gospel to the African race in this country. After deep reflection and much experience on the subject, I am persuaded that the best form of instruction for that class of people is to be found in the Catechism and in the Worship of the Church, as set forth in the Prayer Book. In the Confession, in the Lessons, in the Creeds, in the Commandments, in the Chants and in the Catechism, are to be found those elementary, doctrinal and devotional truths that are specially needed by an ignorant and uneducated population. By a little practice and perseverance, on the part of Ministers and Instructors, this class of people can be interested in the Worship of the Church; and the more so as the African has a constitutional, hereditary and national tendency towards a responsive and liturgical worship. And here I would earnestly press

upon the Vestries and Ministers the great importance of duly attending to the religious instruction of the colored race, by having special services for them in every Parish; and, as a great help to Ministers, Lay-Readers and Masters in imparting sound instruction, in a style and manner adapted to the African, I would here recommend the Sermons of the Rev. T. T. CASTLEMAN; for although in some respects I think them defective, yet altogether I regard them, beyond all comparison, the best for that class of people which I have seen.

I will take this occasion to recommend to the Clergy, the important advantages of devoting a part of each Sunday to expository lectures on the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church as contained in the Prayer Book. This will be found to be a most useful kind of preaching, and will afford an opportunity for furnishing a large and varied amount of doctrinal, practical, experimental, historical, ecclesiastical and devotional instruction, greatly needed by the members of our congregations. We can never expect the Church to advance with a healthy growth till our families and congregations are well grounded in the principles of the Church. Till this is the case, the members will have little reverence or respect for the Church, for her Institutions or for her Officers; will set up their opinions and prejudices in wanton and rebellious opposition to her authority, and often, from mere whim and caprice, will leave her fold and go away into the ranks of schism and heresy.

I will once more avail myself of the opportunity of my Annual Address, to urge the important duty of a punctual attendance at the meetings of our Diocesan Conventions, on the part of the Clerical and Lay Deputies. Although this duty is often but little regarded, and is set aside for very trivial excuses, yet I would press it as one of high Christian obligation. It is vain to expect the Church to flourish to any great extent, as long as the attendance at the Convention is regarded as a matter dependent on the contingency of mere convenience and inclination. The Church will not, cannot grow, without a spirit of interest, of sympathy and of zeal in her behalf; and this spirit must be kept up and diffused by means of the members coming together at the Annual Conventions. As the blood of the human system periodically flows back from the extremities to the heart, in order to get new warmth and life, so the ministers and members of the Church should meet together on the periodical returns of the Convention in order to be stimulated and refreshed, and comforted, and strengthened, and to be inspired with renewed life and spirit to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints. If any have so humble an opinion of themselves as to think they can do no good by coming, still let them come and receive good. True, you may choose a Bishop, and may have great faith in the office of a Bishop as one of Divine appointment; but after all, it is but little he can do without the sympathy, the support and the co-operation of those who have placed him under the fearful responsibilities of the Episcopal Office. If Moses needed the help of Aaron and Hur to support him whilst warring with the enemies of Israel, how can a feeble Bishop, in the present day, hope to contend successfully with the difficulties around him and before him, unless his heart is cheered by the presence of the Brethren, and his tremulous hands are upheld by the Clergy and Laity of his Diocese.

In conclusion, I feel constrained to express, in a distinct and formal manner, my grateful sense of the kindness shown to me and my family by the members of St. John's Church, Montgomery. Having deemed it best, for many reasons, to make that city my place of residence, I was liberally presented by them with the sum of three thousand dollars to assist me in paying for a house and several acres of land which I purchased for a home. Such an expression of interest in the welfare and comfort of himself and family cannot but be grateful to the feelings of one, who, though he would not complain, for he feels that in the sight of Heaven he deserves nothing, is yet no stranger to the anxieties, the privations, the sacrifices and the mortifications incident to the life of a Bishop in a newly-settled and widely-extended Diocese.

N. H. COBBS,

Bishop Protestant Episcopal Church in Alabama.

The Agent of the Bishop's Fund presented his report—

TUSKALOOSA, May 15, 1852.

To the Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs:

Dear Sir:—The Agent of this Diocese to collect for the Bishop's Fund has collected the following since the last Convention:

St. James' Church, Livingston—George B. Saunders.....	\$25 00
R. H. Smith.....	75 00
S. W. Murley.....	50 00
T. F. Maury.....	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma—R. N. Philpot.....	75 00
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	\$275 00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, D. Hoke, Jr., (omitted in 1851,).....	\$25 00

The above amount is included in the report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund. Respectfully, HENRY A. TAYLOR.

The following resolution was then proposed and, on motion, made the special order for this afternoon:

*Resolved*, That when this Convention shall adjourn, it adjourn to meet in St. Paul's Church, Selma, the second Thursday in May, A. D. 1853.

The Convention then adjourned until half-past three o'clock P. M.

CHRIST CHURCH—3½ o'clock, P. M.

At the appointed hour the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have the Journals of the different Dioceses and of the General Convention bound, for preservation, and deposit in the Diocesan Library.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, reported the Treasurer's account to be correct.



*Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased  
Clergymen in account with HENRY A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.*

1851.—May 8.—By balance.....	\$125 82	
“ subscription of members.....	95 00	
“ E. Gregory.....	5 00	
“ interest upon one note of \$345 82.....	\$27 66	
“ one year's interest upon \$27 66.....	2 21	
“ one year's interest upon \$345 82.....	27 66—	57 53
June 3.—By David Minge's subscription.....	5 00	
“ interest upon a note of \$128 25.....	10 26	
“ interest upon a note of 130 45.....	8 00	
July 3.—By St. John's Church, Montgomery.....	24 50	
“ Church of the Nativity, Huntaville.....	30 00	
1852.—March 8.—By St. David's Church, Dallas county.....	50 00	
1851.—May 20.—To one note.....	\$100 00	
Aug. 1.—“ note.....	100 00	
1852.—March 8.—To note.....	50 00	
April 1.—To postage.....	24	
“ “ To printing Circulars.....	2 50	
May 1.—To printing Receipts.....	2 50	
By balance.....	155 87	
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	\$411 11	\$411 11

Notes held by the Treasurer of the above Society.....\$835 02

Balance on hand.....155 87—\$990 89

Laid on the table.

The Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report :

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report that from the imperfect representation of the strength of the Church, made by the Parochial Reports submitted to their inspection, they are justified in declaring the steady growth of the Diocese. The statistics do not point out any particular view of ministerial labor which calls for special notice. There are, however, some facts set forth in several of these which suggest a few practical remarks, and which prompt an expression of opinion, rather than an urgent recommendation of the peculiar matters concerned on the part of your Committee.

They would commend to the earnest consideration of their brethren in the ministry the plan, so favorably regarded by those who have adopted it, of making the weekly free-will offerings of the congregation, the only or principal source of the minister's support, thus carrying out the principle set forth in the Apostolic writings, that every one should lay by on the first day of the week, as God hath prospered him, and thus making all the congregation feel that they have a common title to the privileges of the sanctuary.

Not would they withhold their willing testimony in favor of the liberal provision for the comfort of the ministry, as it is promoted by the substantial and furnished Rectory, which, as a part of the property of the Parish, adds to its stability while it lightens its burdens. They hope that the time is not far distant when every Parish in the Diocese will be thus strengthened and every minister thus comforted.

In the review of our history during the year past, we find warnings of the frailty of all that is human, and of the need of being always ready to give account of our stewardship. One dear brother in the Lord has been taken from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. And as he could no longer help us in the common warfare by his own personal striving, he left as a legacy of love to the Diocese, the *armory* whereby, under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, he was furnished for the work. We allude to the bequest of his Library to the Diocese. May it be a fountain of wisdom to many who may be called to walk in the light of his example,

In connection with this subject we beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

**WHEREAS**, It has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst, since our last meeting together, our beloved brother J. S. MANSBURY:

*Resolved*, That while we behold in this afflictive dispensation the hand of Him who doeth all things well, we cannot but deeply deplore our own loss.

*Resolved*, That the deceased by his high intellectual qualities, his earnest love of truth, his well balanced mind, and his patient, candid, and thorough investigation of every subject that came before him, no less than by his gentlemanly manners, his conciliatory deportment and the beautiful symmetry of his christian character, was an ornament to the Church, and one calculated, as few men are, to recommend it, and to advance its interests in the sphere of labor in which he was placed.

*Resolved*, That the removal of one so highly gifted, in the prime of life, and of useful labor, should be regarded by his brethren in the Ministry as a solemn call for diligence and earnestness in the work for which they may so soon be called to give an account.

All which is respectfully submitted.

N. P. KNAPP, Chairman.

On motion, concurred in. Also, on motion, the resolutions therein proposed, were unanimously adopted.

On motion, the following resolution was laid on the table:

*Resolved*, That this Convention respectfully request the Bishop of the Diocese to select, at some time previous to the meeting of each annual Convention, special subjects for each of the morning sermons to be preached during the sitting of said Convention, and to appoint the Clergymen who shall prepare and preach said sermons, giving them at least two months notice of said appointment.

The following report and resolutions were offered by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and concurred in:

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct.

The Committee have had under consideration the best investment of the Bishop's Fund; and they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Convention recommend to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund to postpone the collection of the principal of the notes given to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, where in the judgment of the Trustees, these notes are considered to be upon responsible individuals, and where the annual interest is regularly paid.

*Resolved*, That the Committee advise that the recommendations of the report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be adopted and the report spread upon the minutes of the Convention.

The Committee also recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

**WHEREAS**, In consequence of a resolution of the Convention of 1850, doubts have arisen as to the right of the Convention to raise the assessment on any Parish above what it was in that year, when the Parish "had subscribed to the Bishop's Fund an amount the interest of which would equal the assessment," and it being necessary that there should be an increased assessment of the Parishes, in order to meet the increased salary of the Bishop fixed at the last Convention: Be it therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Parishes be requested to pay the following amounts which are apportioned among them as the Finance Committee have thought just and equitable,—and that five per cent. upon each assessment be collected for the contingent expenses of the Convention.

	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent Fund.
Christ Church, Mobile,.....	\$500 00	\$25 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	250 00	12 50
St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....	250 00	12 50
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	175 00	8 75
Union Parish, Marengo and Perry,.....	125 00	6 25
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....	50 00	2 50
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	100 00	5 00
St. John's Church in the Prairies,.....	30 00	1 50
St. James' Church, Livingston,.....	60 00	3 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,.....	125 00	6 25
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county,.....	50 00	2 50
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,.....	50 00	2 50
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,.....	25 00	1 25
Trinity Church, Florence,.....	25 00	1 25
St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,.....	50 00	2 50
St. David's Church, Dallas county,.....	94 00	4 70
Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....	30 00	1 50
St. John's Church in the Wilderness,.....	25 00	1 25
St. James' Church, Eufaula,.....	25 00	1 25
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,.....	35 00	1 75
Trinity Church, Mobile,.....	112 50	5 62
St. Mark's Church, Greene county,.....	40 00	2 00
St. Michael's Church, Marion,.....	25 00	1 25
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,.....	35 00	1 75
St. John's Church, Elyton,.....	20 00	1 00
Trinity Church, Auburn,.....	10 00	50
	<u>\$2,316 50</u>	<u>\$115 82</u>

A. W. ELLERBE, Chairman.

CONTINGENT FUND in account with H. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

1851.—May	—By amount received, see abstract of 1851,.....	\$ 87 00	
	To balance,.....	\$42 30	
" 10.	—To cash paid Sexton of St. John's Church,.....	5 00	
" "	By St. John's Church, Elyton,.....		5 50
July 19.	—To cash paid Messrs. Strickland & Benjamin for printing Journals of Convention,.....	88 75	
" "	By Christ Church, Mobile,.....		33 50
1852.—Feb. 26.	—To cash paid Messrs. Strickland & Benjamin for printing Parochial forms and stationery,.....	2 20	
	To postage on Journals,.....	4 54	
	To postage,.....	1 73	
	By Union Parish,.....		5 50
	To balance,.....		13 02
		<u>\$144 52</u>	<u>\$144 52</u>

BISHOP'S FUND in account with H. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

1851.—May	—To balance,.....	\$ 2 50	
"	By amount received at Convention, see abstract of 1851,.....		1,712 80
" 10.	—To cash paid Rt. Rev. N. H. Cobbs,.....	1,712 00	
	To balance,.....		1 70
		<u>\$1,417 50</u>	<u>1,714 50</u>

The following was then proposed and unanimously adopted as Section 5th, Canon 1st, being a substitute for proposed amendments to Section 1st of Canon 1st:

The Rector of every Parish shall *ex-officio* preside as Chairman at Vestry meetings, and shall be entitled to a casting vote in case of a tie, on all questions except those in which he may be personally concerned. The Rector shall have power to call Vestry meetings at any time, giving reasonable notice, and it shall be his duty to do so whenever he may be requested by three members of the Vestry. In the absence of the Rector, or if the Parish is without a Rector, the Senior Warden or any two members of the Vestry shall have power to call Vestry meetings, giving reasonable notice. There shall be holden four regular Vestry meetings in each year; one on Easter Monday, and the others quarterly thereafter.

Also the following amendment of Canon 13th, Section 11th:

In every instance where the words "Standing Committee" are used, insert before them "Clerical members of the." In Section 11th, add to Clerical members of the Standing Committee, "with the aid and concurrence of a Bishop of this Church."

The Committee to whom was referred the proposed amendment of the 5th Article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee to whom was referred the proposed amendment of the fifth Article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as agreed upon in General Convention, 1850, report that they deem this amendment a very important one, and commend it to the approval of this Convention.

J. M. BANISTER,	} Committee.
W. J. ELLIS,	
W. A. STICKNEY.	

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Tuskaloosa for their hospitality.

Also, on motion, ordered that five dollars be paid by the Treasurer to the Sexton of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, for services during the Convention.

THOMAS W. MCCOY was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed five hundred copies of the Journal, with Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order, for distribution.

The following gentlemen were nominated and elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund: WM. F. PIERCE, A. W. ELLERBE, and A. R. BELL.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, Secretary.

J. H. FISHER, Assistant Secretary.

### REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.*

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May 8.—To balance, per report to Convention,	\$713 28
To cash collected in St. John's, Montgomery,	52 95
"               "               "               "	38 80
"               "               from a member of Christ Church, Mobile,	100 00
June 3.—To "Rev. E. W. Murray, collected in St. Marks Church, Greene County,	12 60
July.—To cash from Rev. J. H. Ticknor, col'd in St. James, Livingston, 1852.	25 00
March 15.—To cash from Rev. R. A. Cobbs, collected in St. David's, Church, Dallas County,	50 00
26.—To cash from Bishop Cobbs, collected in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	21 00
April 2.—To cash from Rev. J. M. Mitchell, collected in St. John's in the Prairies,	15 00

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May 11.—By cash paid Bishop Cobbs, order favor Rev. G. F. Cushman,.....	\$100 00
June 30.—By cash, order favor Rev. E. W. Murray.....	50 00
July 22.—By cash paid Rev. N. P. Knapp for Mr. McGregor,...	50 00
August 15.—By cash, order favor Rev. J. M. Mitchell,.....	75 00
December 16.—By cash, order favor Rev. T. A. Morris,.....	50 00
18.—By cash, order favor Rev. J. M. Mitchell,.....	50 00

**1852.**

February 9.—By cash, order favor Rev. E. W. Murray,.....	100 00
March 13.—By cash, order favor Rev. R. Sutton,.....	50 00
26.—By cash, order favor Rev. T. A. Morris,.....	50 00
May 4.—Balance on hand carried down,.....	453 63

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1852.—May 4.—To balance cash on hand,.....	\$453 63
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**THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.**

**E. E.—Mobile, May 4th, 1852.**

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The STANDING COMMITTEE of the Diocese of Alabama, beg leave to report their official acts during the past year:

The Committee was organized May 15th, 1851, by the election of Rev. N. P. KNAFF as President, and Rev. J. A. MASSEY as Secretary.

At the same time, the testimonials of Wm. H. PLATT were signed, recommending him as a candidate for Holy Orders.

October 24.—The consent of the Committee required by Canon, was given to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. WHITEHOUSE, Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Illinois, and of the Rev. Dr. CREIGHTON, Provisional Bishop elect of the Diocese of New York.

October 31.—The consent of the Committee was given to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. WILLIAMS, Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Connecticut; and at the same time, the testimonials of Mr. JAMES H. FISHER, applying for Deacon's Orders, were signed by the Committee.

November 29.—Mr. ROBERT B. SUTTON was recommended to the Bishop to be ordained Deacon.

May 3, 1852.—The request of Mr. Wm. H. PLATT, asking the consent of the Standing Committee to his Ordination according to the special provision of section 7th of the 6th Canon of 1847, was considered and Mr. PLATT recommended to the Bishop for Ordination. All which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. MASSEY,

Secretary Standing Committee of Alabama.

## REPORT OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.

Baptisms.....	10
Communicants at last report, 27, added 2, removed 2,.....	Present No., 27
Marriages,.....	3
Burials, (not Communicants,).....	5
Communion offerings,.....	\$58 40

The Rev. M. F. MAURY took charge of this Parish in the month of November last, as the Rector, and labored most acceptably to all until about the first of May, —finding his health declining and being confirmed in the belief that he would not be able to discharge the duties of a Minister, he resigned the charge. The Vestry would take the present occasion of saying all diligence will be used to fill the vacancy, and they humbly trust through the aid of the great Head of the Church, to be able to do so soon.

All of which is most respectfully submitted by,

W. WADDILL, JR., }  
J. R. PURNELL. } Wardens.

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
**IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.**

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THE Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion and piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity the advantages of the ministry and ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution :

ARTICLE 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. 2. There shall be an annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the next preceding Convention ; and in case there should an epidemic disease in the place appointed for holding said Convention, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed for holding it, the Bishop shall have the power to appoint another convenient place for holding the same.

ART. 3. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman in ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, being a Minister or Assistant Minister of some Parish within the same, or a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority thereof, or being a President, Professor or Tutor in some Institution of learning recognized and approved by this Convention, or being unable to discharge the duties of the ministry on account of age or infirm health, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention. *Provided*, that no member shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Delegates, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof from the Church within the same.

ART. 4. Four members of the Clerical order and the delegations of four Parishes shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business : but a smaller number may adjourn.

ART. 5. The Bishop shall be President of the Convention. If he be absent, or if there be no Bishop, the Convention shall choose

a President *pro tempore*, from the Presbyters present. The Bishop may make any motion which he shall judge conducive to the good of the Church; but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon. He may call *special* Conventions at whatever times and places he may think necessary. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, this power shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

ART. 6. A Secretary shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public accounts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession.

ART. 7. In Convention the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate and vote as one body. But if it be required by two Clergymen, or the delegation of two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in which case, each Clergyman shall cast one vote, and the delegation of each Parish one vote, and a majority of the votes of each order, thus cast, shall be decisive. In electing a Bishop the Laity shall vote by Parishes, as herein provided.

ART. 8. The election of a Bishop shall be made in Convention, in the following manner: The Clergy shall nominate, by ballot, some fit and qualified clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, for that office, the votes of a majority of that order being necessary to constitute a choice. Such nomination shall be communicated to the Lay Delegates, and be considered by them; and if, on a ballot, it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved by a majority of the Parishes represented, he shall be then declared duly elected.

ART. 9. The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three Clergymen, and three Laymen, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Convention. Vacancies in the Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 10. Every Convention shall be opened with prayer, a sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion—the preacher to be appointed by the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

ART. 11. A proposition to alter this Constitution, shall be made in writing, and if approved by two-thirds of the Convention, shall be submitted to the next Convention; if approved by a majority of the two orders therein, voting separately, it shall be adopted: the Constitution, so altered, shall be valid.



# CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

ADOPTED IN 1852.

## CANON I.

### OF THE VESTRY OF A PARISH.

SEC. 1. In every Parish, there shall be an annual election on Easter Monday, or on such day thereafter as the Parish may appoint, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than three, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of the Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens, one of whom shall be designated as Senior Warden of the Parish. The Vestry shall elect a Secretary, whose duty shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned to him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor all books and documents belonging to the Parish, that may be in his possession.

SEC. 2. In electing a Vestry, any person shall be entitled to vote who is a holder or renter of one entire pew, or is a contributor to the Church to such an amount as the respective Parish shall appoint. When two or more persons shall hold or rent a pew, they shall be jointly entitled to one vote. In forming new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote, who has not signed the Articles of Parochial Association.

SEC. 3. No person shall be elected a Vestryman, who is not a pew-holder, or a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected; provided that no person shall be qualified to act as a Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Vestry, to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate its temporal concerns, elect and call a Minister, and provide for his maintenance; to keep order in the Church during the celebration of Divine Worship, and in general, to act as helpers to the Minister, in whatever is appropriate to Laymen, for the furtherance of the Gospel. It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially, to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister; to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit. Parishes now incorporated, are excepted from any part of this Canon interfering with their Articles of Association, or By-Laws.

proceed to trial. The Court shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter not of their own body; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the council to administer an oath, or affirmation to the witnesses; and the trial shall be in public, if desired by the accused.

SEC. 5. A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Court shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, (if he be not found) at least thirty (30) days before such meeting; and like notice shall be given to the clerical members of the Standing Committee, who, by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence in support of the accusation, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution.

SEC. 6. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shewn, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon, shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end, before the Court; and if he do not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 7. Upon the application of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman, or Layman, as a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party such notice of the time and place of taking the deposition as the Bishop shall require. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness; and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner, and transmitted under seal, to the Court.

SEC. 8. When the trial shall be gone through, the Court shall declare, in a writing, to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their

## CANON VI.

## OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention shall elect, at a regular annual meeting, Delegates to the General Convention, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

## CANON VII.

## OF ATTENDANCE OF THE CLERGY ON CONVENTIONS.

The regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, being deemed of great importance to the interests of the Church, is a duty with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere. And it is recommended to the Parishes to make provision for the expenses incurred by their respective Ministers in attending the Convention. At the opening of every Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein, shall be called over.

## CANON VIII.

## A LIST TO BE MADE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. Before the meeting of every Convention, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the clerical members of the Standing Committee, shall cause to be prepared a list of all the Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or stations as Missionaries, or of the Institutions of learning in which they are engaged; and the places of residence of such as are not employed in either of the ways above mentioned; specifying at the same time who, of either class, are Deacons: but no person, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on such list. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom. The same shall be appended to the Journal, and sent to the Secretary of the General Convention.

SEC. 2. When the right of any Clergyman to a seat in the Convention is disputed, it shall be determined, according to the provisions of the Constitution, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

## CANON IX.

## OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

The Secretary shall be, *ex-officio*, Treasurer of the Convention, until a Treasurer is elected. He shall forward, in due time, to the Treasurer of the General Convention, the amount assessed upon the Diocese for the contingent expenses of the General Convention.

## CANON X.

## OF RECEIVING A CLERGYMAN INTO A PARISH.

No Clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Parish, unless he first produce to the Vestry thereof, a certificate

from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, from the Standing Committee, that he has presented satisfactory testimonials that he is an accredited Minister of the Church, in good standing.

## CANON XI.

### OF PARISH REGISTERS AND REPORTS.

SEC. 1. Every Minister shall keep a register of all the baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals solemnized by him, or in his Parish by any other Minister, specifying the names and times of birth of the children baptised, together with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptised, and also the witnesses of the baptism; the names of those confirmed, and by whom; the names of the persons married, and of persons buried, and also the times when each rite and sacrament were performed. This register shall be kept in a book to be provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry in each Parish, which book shall be called the Parish Register, and shall be considered as a part of the records of the Parish.

SEC. 2. In addition to the register above named, the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure, specifying the time when the former became communicants of his Parish, and whether by removal from some other Parish, or otherwise.

SEC. 3. Every Minister shall, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals and confirmations, within his cure, since the last Convention—and also the number of communicants—specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other Churches, or otherwise, during the same time: and also of the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday Schools, and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collection: together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish.

SEC. 4. In every Parish destitute of a Minister, the register shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the annual parochial reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or the President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish.

## CANON XII.

### OF THE DIVISION OF A PARISH.

When any portion of a Parish in connexion with this Convention shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt Articles of Association, and apply to the Convention for admission. In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division, the portion seeking for it shall

make known the fact to the Convention, and the Convention shall then decide upon the expediency of separation.

### CANON XIII.

#### TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

SEC. 1. In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made in the first place, to the clerical members of the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese. And if the clerical members of the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, or of the General Convention, and that it ought to be presented, they shall present the same to the Bishop, in the following form :

*To A. B. Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama :*

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused under the hand of E. F. and G. H., [here recite the charge or charges,] and the Committee are of opinion that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canon in such case made and provided. [SIGNED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE.]

SEC. 2. But nothing herein contained, shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion, according to the 37th Canon of the General Convention.

SEC. 3. A presentment being made, the Bishop shall communicate the same to the accused, by furnishing him a copy, and shall proceed to form a Court for his trial, in the following manner :— At a time and place designated by the Bishop, of which reasonable notice shall be given to the accused, with a written summons to attend, the names of all the Presbyters entitled to seats in Convention shall be placed in a box, and eight names shall be drawn therefrom by some person having no supposed bias in the case, in the presence of the accused, or his agent appointed in writing, or if neither attend, in presence of two witnesses chosen by the Bishop : A list of the names so drawn shall be made as they are called, and a copy thereof given to the accused, or left at his usual place of abode—from which list he shall, within thirty days, select five names, and give notice thereof to the Bishop. The Presbyters whose names are reported as thus selected, shall constitute the Court for the trial of the accused.

SEC. 4. The Court shall hold its session at such time and place as the Bishop may appoint, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed ; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Court who may be present, being not less than three (3,) shall

proceed to trial. The Court shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter not of their own body; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the council to administer an oath, or affirmation to the witnesses; and the trial shall be in public, if desired by the accused.

SEC. 5. A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Court shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, (if he be not found) at least thirty (30) days before such meeting: and like notice shall be given to the clerical members of the Standing Committee, who, by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence in support of the accusation, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution.

SEC. 6. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shewn, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon, shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end, before the Court; and if he do not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 7. Upon the application of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman, or Layman, as a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party such notice of the time and place of taking the deposition as the Bishop shall require. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness; and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner, and transmitted under seal, to the Court.

SEC. 8. When the trial shall be gone through, the Court shall declare, in a writing, to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their

opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence, and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case a new Court shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted as before provided.

SEC. 9. If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop, (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Court,) shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Court, the accused shall neither admit, nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of a Presbyter, or Deacon, as herein provided, the finding of the Court and his sentence thereupon.

SEC. 11. The Bishop of the Diocese, and in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, the clerical members of the Standing Committee, with the aid and concurrence of a Bishop of this Church, shall have power, whenever he or they shall judge that the interest of the Church require it, to suspend such accused Clergyman during the progress of such trial.

#### CANON XIV.

##### CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS INELIGIBLE TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE.

No person, who is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church, shall be permitted to accept an appointment as delegate to the Convention of the Diocese.

#### CANON XV.

##### ALTERATIONS OF THE CANONS AND ADDITIONS THERETO.

No proposed alteration of, or addition to, the Canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, (unless by unanimous consent) without at least one day's notice thereof in open Convention; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein, but in such case the same shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

#### CANON XVI.

All former Canons are hereby repealed.

## Rules of Order.

RULE 1.—The business of the first day of the Session of every Convention shall be introduced by the Morning Service of the Church, read by the President, or by a clerical member appointed by him; a Sermon and the administration of the Holy Communion; and that of each succeeding day by such prayers as he may select from the Liturgy.

RULE 2.—The order of transacting the business of the Convention shall be—First, the appointment of a President (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent,) and a Secretary *pro tem*. The Secretary shall then call in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized.

RULE 3.—The further order of business shall be as follows: 1. The appointment of a President from among the clerical members present, (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent.) 2. The appointment of a Secretary. 3. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention. 4. The appointment, by the President, of Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on the State of the Church—the Committee on Finance—the Committee on unfinished Business. 5. The annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. 6. The reports of Address of the Bishop, (if there be one and he be present.) 7. The annual Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention. 8. The reading of the Parochial Reports. 9. The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot. 10. The election of Delegates to the General Convention, by ballot. 11. Reports to be called for. 12. Miscellaneous business.

RULE 4.—When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up unless to address the President.

RULE 5. When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

RULE 6. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

RULE 7.—No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless he have leave of the Convention.

RULE 8.—A question being once determined, shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention; *Provided, however*, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative, may, on the same day in which the vote is taken, move for a reconsideration of the same vote.

RULE 9.—No motion shall be debated, or be considered before the Convention, (except a motion to adjourn,) unless seconded, and reduced to writing (if requested) by the mover, and read by the Secretary.

RULE 10.—When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone. A motion to adjourn, however, shall always be in order and decided without debate.

RULE 11.—A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

RULE 12.—Every member who shall be present, when the question is put, shall vote, unless he be personally interested, or be excused from voting by the Convention.



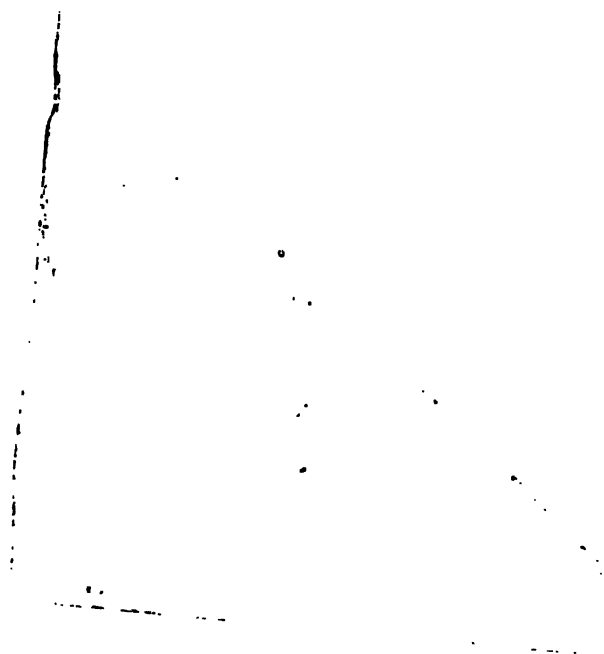
# Abstract of the Parochial Reports.

NAMES OF PARISHES	Baptisms.										Communicants					S. Schools.					Pd to Bishop's Assessment.				Paid to Ministry.			Other Contributions.		PRESENT MINISTERS.		
	When admitted into Union.					Whole No.					S. Schools.					S. Schools.				Pd to Bishop's Assessment.				Paid to Ministry.			Other Contributions.					
	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Children.	Adults.	Children.		Children.	Adults.
Christ Church, Mobile.....	1830	60	3	4	69	17	100	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Rev. N. P. Knapp.....	
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.....	1830	8	3	3	17	13	50	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	Rev. Wm. Johnston.....	
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.....	1830	7	1	1	9	5	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Rev. J. M. Bandler.....	
Trinity Church, Decatur.....	1833	7	6	6	13	1	30	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Rev. F. R. Hanson.....	
St. John's Church, in the Prairies.....	1833	12	6	6	24	12	30	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Rev. J. M. Mitchell.....	
St. James' Church, Livingston.....	1836	12	6	6	24	12	30	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	Rev. J. H. Ticknor.....	
St. John's Church, Montgomery.....	1837	3	3	3	9	3	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Rev. J. H. Morrison.....	
St. Michael's Church, Marion.....	1838	1	1	1	3	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Rev. W. A. Stickney.....	
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.....	1838	1	1	1	3	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Rev. F. B. Lee.....	
St. Paul's Church, Selma.....	1838	1	1	1	3	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Rev. F. B. Lee.....	
St. Luke's Church, Cahawba.....	1839	6	1	1	8	6	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Rev. R. A. Collier.....	
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.....	1839	6	1	1	8	6	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Rev. H. C. Lay.....	
St. John's Church, Tusculum.....	1840	2	4	1	7	6	4	7	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	Rev. F. R. Hanson.....	
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.....	1841	5	9	10	14	3	1	3	4	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	Rev. E. C. Murdaugh.....	
St. Andrew's Church, Macon.....	1841	5	9	10	14	3	1	3	4	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	Rev. W. J. Ellis.....	
Union Parish, Uniontown.....	1843	5	9	10	14	3	1	3	4	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	Rev. Robert B. Sutton.....	
St. James' Church, Eufaula.....	1843	5	9	10	14	3	1	3	4	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	Rev. J. A. Massey.....	
St. John's Church, in the Wilderness.....	1843	5	9	10	14	3	1	3	4	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	Rev. J. A. Massey.....	
St. Stephen's Church, Eastway.....	1846	33	4	37	14	10	20	30	31	141	10	80	141	10	80	141	10	80	141	10	80	141	10	80	141	10	80	141	10	80	141	Rev. J. A. Massey.....
Trinity Church, Mobile.....	1847	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	Rev. Robert B. Sutton.....	
St. Mark's Church, Greene County.....	1847	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	Rev. Robert B. Sutton.....	
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.....	1849	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	Rev. Robert B. Sutton.....	
St. John's Church, Elyton.....	1850	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	Rev. Robert B. Sutton.....	
Trinity Church, Auburn.....	1851	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	Rev. Robert B. Sutton.....	
Rev. Thos. A. Cook, Missionary, Talladega.....		166	37	13	69	40	76	40	117	157	18	47	53	94	61	405	35	184	60	949	20	957	10	959	36							
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